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Forum to address crumbling foundations

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MONSON – An estimated 2,000 area homes have foundations built with pyrrhotite, causing them to start cracking within decades and which could degrade until the homes collapse, also devaluing the home.

On Saturday, the Massachusetts Special Commission to Study the Financial and Economic Impacts due to the Presence of Pyrrhotite will be holding a public meeting in the Granite Valley Middle School auditorium from 10 a.m. to noon, hosted by state Rep. Brian Ashe, D-Longmeadow, and state Sen. Anne Gobi, D-Spencer. Members will be presenting study findings, recommendations and will answer questions from the audience.

The pyrrhotite-tainted concrete came from a single quarry in Stafford Springs, Conn., sold by now-defunct company J.J. Mottes Concrete from 1983 to 2015, mostly within 30 miles.

In late 2017, Michelle Loglisci, now of the Massachusetts Residents Against Crumbling Concrete, read in the news about a Longmeadow homeowner with a crumbling foundation due to pyrrhotite. She also saw that his foundation came from the same company as hers – J.J. Mottes – but she was in denial at first about the possibility that the same thing could happen to her home, she said.

“I thought maybe we got a different area of quarry, maybe we don’t have this problem,” Loglisci said. “To find out that the home we paid off a year before was now worthless was not something I wanted to face.”

But when Loglisci’s husband put shop lights up in the basement to get a better look at the concrete and see if there was cracking that goes off in different directions like a roadmap – one of the telltale signs of the failing concrete – he started marking the cracks with sidewalk chalk and realized there was an issue they couldn’t deny. The couple called in an engineer who made the determination within five minutes.

“He said you’ll be able to live here without the house collapsing on you for a while; but he said the bad news is that you have to, because you can’t sell it,” Loglisci said. “Banks are looking for this when they approve a home for a mortgage.”

In order to preserve the home, it would have to be disconnected from its utilities and lifted off its foundation, which would then have to be replaced. Loglisci got a quote for that of \$263,000 for her home.

At the forum this Saturday, the commission will also be presenting several recommendations for affected homeowners.

One recommendation is to provide funding to replace the foundations, which has been done in Canada, Ireland and locally in Conn. It which would cost about \$350 mil-

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The 2020 Western Massachusetts Division 4 champion Monson Mustangs. See story on page 9.

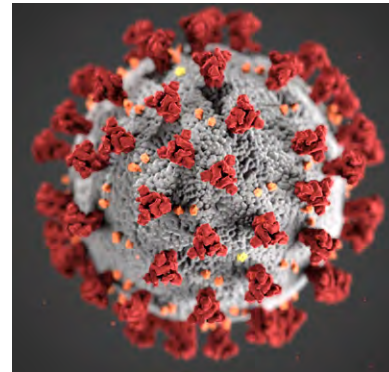
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EDUCATION

Hospitals, schools prepared for coronavirus

By Jonah Snowden
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Day by day, the novel coronavirus and disease COVID-19 is spreading to more people across the world. In Massachusetts, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that as of Mar. 10, there were 92 confirmed and suspected cases in the state, though none were in Hampden County.



Area schools and hospitals have been preparing for a possible outbreak and taking extra precautions to help prevent the spread of the disease.

WorldOMeter reported that as of Mar. 9, there were 114,271 cases worldwide, with over 4,009 deaths. Researchers are working on a vaccine to protect against an infection, and the CDC as well as the Massachusetts Department of Health are currently testing to detect which individuals have the virus.

In Massachusetts, Baystate Hospitals across the state will continue to screen patients who visit their emergency departments and urgent care centers. Although these screenings are available, Dr. Megan Gallagher, Infectious Disease Specialist from Baystate Medical Center, said that she recommends that patients who may be in fear of catching the virus call ahead before visiting a Baystate emergency department.

“We are asking that people come to the emergency department if they feel that they need emergency department level of care,” said Gallagher. “We don’t necessarily want people who may just have a mild cough to come to the emergency department. We do want to have the capacity to handle all the

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Retired teacher reflects on 31 years

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PALMER – One thing that recently retired Pathfinder teacher Mark Thompson said he is going to miss about teaching will be his students. Over the course of 31 years and having taught over 3,500 students, Thompson said he worked with multiple generations of families, who still acknowledge him as a their instructor.

“I’ve seen so many children who now have their own children, and they’ve gone out in our community and become really successful business owners and model citizens,” said Thompson. “It’s a really cool thing to have been a part of that community building process.”

After 31 years of teaching at Pathfinder Regional Technical High School, Mark Thompson officially closed this chapter of his life on Jan. 31, and is now planning to begin the next one.

Thompson spent many years of working blue-collar jobs and being encouraged to work at a vocational school during his time at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He began working as a student teacher for Pathfinder in 1988.

The following year, he was hired as a full-time social studies teacher. During his time as a teacher, he also taught English, street law and began a global issues course.

When reflecting on his years of working for Pathfinder, Thompson

said that it was a challenge to teach his courses at a vocational school.

“The students for the most part are more interested in the vocational aspect than the academic aspect,” said Thompson.

So Thompson thought outside the box to make this challenge a fun one. Since the academic classes only ran bi-weekly, Thompson said he had to be energetic and

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A couple of weeks before retiring, social studies teacher Mark F. Thompson received an honorary trophy from his students for teaching multiple generations of families over his 31 years at Pathfinder.



Courtesy Photo

POLICE/FIRE

Fire Department has busy day, 3 fires singe town



Fallen tree takes down electrical wires on Flynt Street in Palmer causing a brush fire on the edge of the road, and power outage for neighborhood residents.

Staff photo by Deanna Sloat

Fire Marshal offers safety tips

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

PALMER – The past few days have kept the Palmer Fire Department busy, with two brush fires, a third brush fire that spread to a home and a car fire.

On Monday there were three brush fires: one on 74 State St., one at 4131 Church St., and one Flynt Street.

For the State Street brush fire, which was called in earlier in the day, it is not clear what started the fire.

At 3:32 p.m., firefighters responded to a brush fire that got out of control at 4131 Church St., and ended burning some of the home’s exterior. A third brush fire was reported at 5:26 p.m. on Flynt Street, when a tree came down on electrical wires and started a fire.

On Tuesday the Fire Department closed down burning permits due to wind and the lack of rain in the area, and officials are not sure when they will start reissuing them.

There was also a car fire at 1361 Ware St. on Sunday at about 1 p.m., which was caused by a mechanical failure. There were no

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ONGOING ADULT American Sign Language Practice & Learn Club - Held the first Wednesday of each month from 6:00-7:30pm. This is an informal club for those interested in learning & practicing American Sign Language. We provide the room, access to instructional signing videos, books, flash cards, and other learning materials, and you bring your enthusiasm to practice and learn! This program is free and registration is not required.

Evening Coffee & Coloring for Adults - Please join us on the following evenings: Wednesday, March 11th, Wednesday, April 15th, Wednesday, May 13th, Wednesday, June 10th from 6:00 PM -7:30pm. Drop in and enjoy this fun and relaxing evening activity featuring adult coloring books! Coffee and coloring supplies will be provided. This program is free and registration is not required.

Unwind Knit & Crochet Club - Held the last Wednesday evening of each month from 5:30-7:30pm. Bring your own supplies and gather together to chat while working on your current knit or crochet project. This program is free and registration is not required.

ONGOING YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES: Teen Advisory Board- Calling all teens to join the Teen Advisory Board at the Palmer Public Library. Build the community you want, plan events you'd actually go to, and let your voice be heard. Interested or have questions? Contact Bridget in Young Adult Services by calling (413) 283-3330, ext. 128.

Tech Teens - Are you a tech-savvy teen? Join the Palmer Public Library Tech Teens! Teach your neighbors how to use their devices and simple programs like e-mail or Microsoft Office. Earn volunteer hours and experience for your college applications! Applicants must be reliable, responsible, and comfortable working one-on-one with others. Contact Bridget in Young Adult Services by calling (413) 283-3330, ext. 128.

Teen Writing Circle- Are you a teen aged 12-18 who likes to journal or write stories and poetry? Join the Palmer Public Library's Teen Writer's Circle! This creative writing club is held Tuesdays from 3:30-5:00pm. Write creatively using prompts or your own ideas and share your work and get feedback from your peers. Walk-ins welcome! Bring your own notebook/laptop. Contact Bridget in Young Adult Services by calling (413) 283-3330, ext. 128.

Charitable 3V3 basketball tournament

LOCAL – Hoops For Harris is a charitable 3v3 basketball tournament run at Palmer High School on June 20th, 2020. Registration starts at 9:30 am on June 20th and games will begin at 10 am. It is a double elimination tournament. All of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Matthew Joseph Harris Memorial Scholarship. Last year, the tournament raised \$1,200 for the scholarship and organizers hope to double that this year. Matt Harris was a PHS Graduate who took his own life. This event is to help spread the awareness for suicide prevention as well as helping to keep Matt's memory alive. Cost to enter is \$60 per team. Please message or call Alyssa Darling if interested in the event! Contact: Alyssa Darling at 413-949-9034

Audiology Team Offers Help with Hearing Loss

The Audiology Team Offers Hearing Screenings and Solutions on Site and in the Community

PALMER – Hearing loss is a sudden or gradual decrease in how well you can hear, and is one of the most common conditions affecting people of all ages.

According to the National Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), approximately 15 percent of American adults (37.5 million) aged 18 and over report some trouble hearing and one in three people between the ages of 65 and 74 has hearing loss.

"Hearing loss is a common problem caused by noise, aging, disease, or heredity, and can have a big impact on a person's quality of life, both physically and emotionally," said Deborah Stroetzel, MA, CCC-A, audiologist at Baystate Mary Lane and Baystate Wing Hospital. "Hearing loss has been linked to stress, depression, loneliness, reduced job performance, and reduced physical and emotional health. People with hearing loss may find it hard to have conversations with friends and family and they may also have trouble understanding a doctor's advice, responding to warnings, and hearing doorbells and alarms. All of this can be frustrating, embarrassing, and even dangerous."

"There are many causes of hearing loss and it is often treatable," said Sheila Tzoumas, Au.D., CCC-A, who joins fellow audiologists Stroetzel and Cassandra Hawk, to ensure that all patients receive accurate, up-to-date information to help them find the best possible solution for their hearing loss on the campuses of Baystate Mary Lane, Baystate Wing and out in the community.

"It is important to first figure out what's causing the hearing loss to determine the right treatment. Hearing loss tends to isolate people; often hearing aids can bring them back into the mix," said Tzoumas. "Depending on their hearing loss, we offer a demo program where our patients can try hearing aids for a short time. Our patients often return saying wearing the hearing aids not only enhances their hearing, but also improves their ability to participate in life again."

Even with the obvious signs, it still can be difficult to admit that changes in one's hearing are taking place. When seniors experience hearing loss, they sometimes feel



Deborah Stroetzel, MA, CCC-A

embarrassed, afraid and left out. To address this, Stroetzel, Tzoumas and Hawk offer free periodic hearing services at area local senior centers. These free services are provided by one of the team's experienced audiologists and include hearing screenings, a check for ear wax accumulation, and cleaning and checking hearing aids.

The Audiology team offers free clinics at the Palmer, Ludlow, and Belchertown Senior Centers, where our audiologists provide hearing screenings, check ears for wax, and clean and check hearing aids at no charge. Seniors can call their local senior center in order to schedule an appointment for the free clinics; Palmer Senior Center (413) 283-2670, Ludlow Senior Center (413) 583-3564, Belchertown Senior Center (413) 323-0420.

The Audiology and Hearing Improvement Centers located in Palmer, Ware and Ludlow offer routine hearing tests, specialized audiological testing, and tests for middle ear function. In addition, the audiology team offers a comprehensive hearing aid program and provides hearing aid evaluations, demonstrations, fittings, adjustments and cleanings. Special services such as swim plugs, noise protectors, and musicians' earplugs are also available.

To make an appointment with Deborah Stroetzel, MA, CCC-A, Sheila Tzoumas, Au.D., CCC-A or Cassandra Hawk, Au.D., CCC-A in Palmer, Ware or Ludlow, please call 413-370-5499.

Celebrating 'Maple Month'

March is commonly known in the agricultural community as "Maple Month." The Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation encourages consumers to visit their local maple sugar shack and indulge in a maple treat. In addition to the month-long celebration, the Massachusetts Maple Producers Association will host Maple Weekend on March 21 to 22. During this time, sugarhouses across the commonwealth will host demonstrations, tours and tastings. In addition, restaurants will be featuring items made with pure Massachusetts maple syrup.

Massachusetts is home to more than 250 sugarhouses. People may visit <http://massmaple.org/directory.phpt> to locate one near them.

Maple syrup is not only a sign that spring

is near, but also the first "crop" of the season. Native Americans and early settlers to the "New World" tapped maple trees, collected the sap and boiled it down to get maple syrup or maple sugar. Pure white sugar, a staple of our diet, was a very rare treat in the 1700s and 1800s. Maple syrup was a more available sweetener. In addition, maple syrup contains trace amounts of minerals such as potassium and zinc.

The process of making sap into syrup is an interesting endeavor and something that an individual or a family can do on a small scale without all the fancy equipment the commercial maple syrup producer needs. The larger producers use plastic taps and tubing to run the sap by gravity from the tapped maple trees to a collection vat where the sap is pumped into tanks on a truck. The sap is then transported to the sugarhouse and put into an evaporator where the sap is boiled to form the syrup. The syrup, when ready, is filtered cooled and put into jars, cans or plastic jugs for sale. Some producers still use metal buckets with lids that hang from the metal spout tapped snugly into the tree. The lids keep rain, snow and debris out of the sap. Other producers use plastic taps and tubing to run the sap into large plastic jugs.

An easy method that recycles plastic milk

Where is it!

This week's photo was taken in Palmer and it is a building that is no longer used for its original purpose.

Last week's photo was of the twin spires on Palmer's Unitarian Universalist church.

The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition, along with a new trivia photo for you to consider.

DEADLINE

The Journal Register has changed its firm deadline for public submissions to Mondays. To get your submission in for that week's edition, email Editor at bcoulter@turley.com or call the office at 413-283-8393 by noon on Mondays. We appreciate the cooperation of our readers.

Clarification

Due to incomplete information, a story in the Mar. 5 edition of the Journal Register reported that two new marijuana facilities will be opening in Palmer; however, these plans are contingent on receiving final operating licenses from the state Cannabis Control Commission, which have not yet been issued.

Corrections

The Journal Register will gladly correct factual errors that appear in this paper. Corrections or clarifications will always appear on Page 2 or 3. To request a correction, send information to Editor at bcoulter@turley.com, or call 283-8393, extension 236. Corrections may also be requested in writing at: Journal Register, Attn: Editor 24 Water St., Palmer, MA, 01069.

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Compact grant awarded to town of Holland

HOLLAND – The town of Holland is pleased to announce it was recently awarded two Community Compact - Best Practices Grants by the Executive Office for Administration and Finance and the Community Compact Cabinet.

The first grant award of \$11,190 will provide funds for the Town of Holland to have all of its general and zoning bylaws reviewed, updated and professionally codified. According to Senator Anne Gobi, “The Town of Holland continually looks for ways to make town government work better for its residents and businesses and these grants are an example of that. I will continue to support the town and funding for Community Compact grants.”

The second grant award of \$6,450, will provide funds for the Town of Holland to purchase an improved budgeting program. This program will create a more transparent budgeting document that more clearly details all revenues and expenditures, better communicates the town’s financial policies, and will also assist the town improve its long-range financial planning. “I’m thrilled that Holland was able to secure this competitive funding,” said Representative Todd Smola (First Hampden District). “These grants help ensure that local governments throughout Massachusetts are as effective as possible.”

About the Community Compact Cabinet:

Formed in January 2015, the Community Compact Cabinet is chaired by Lt. Governor Polito and is composed of the secretaries of Housing & Economic Development, Education, Transportation, Energy & Environmental Affairs, and Technology Services and Security, and the Senior Deputy Commissioner of Local Services and the Assistant Secretary of Operational Services. The Community Compact Cabinet elevates the Administration’s partnerships with cities and towns, and allows the Governor’s Office to work more closely with leaders from all municipalities. The Cabinet champions municipal interests across all executive secretariats and agencies, and develops, in consultation with cities and towns, mutual standards and best practices for both the state and municipalities. The creation of Community Compacts creates clear standards, expectations, and accountability for both partners.

Band of Voices seeks new members

HARDWICK – Band of Voices, a community chorus of singers from several area towns including Hardwick, Barre, New Braintree, Oakham, Petersham, Hubbardston and Ware, welcomes new members. Director Nan Kaipainen Gibbons and the Band of Voices invite people to its open rehearsals in March at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Hardwick Town House, on the Common. No auditions are required. For more information about the group, people may visit them on Facebook or contact Barbara Larson at blarson1116@gmail.com.

Putt-A-Thon sets May 15 return to the Common

BELCHERTOWN – The 16th Annual Putt-A-thon, hosted by Bell & Hudson Insurance in support of the Jimmy Fund, has set a return date for this year of Friday, May 15.

Held annually on the town common, residents are invited to turn out for an afternoon of mini-golf, a silent auction, live DJ music and more. Three tee times will be offered at 2, 4, and 6 p.m. for interested participants.

Players, volunteers and sponsors are needed. Want to learn more? Contact Bell & Hudson Insurance at 413-32309611 or toll free at 800-894-9591, Facsimile: 413-323-8132, by email at puttathon@bellandhudson.com, or by stopping by in person at the company’s home location at 19 North Main St. in Belchertown.

To learn more about the Jimmy Fund please visit www.jimmyfundputtathon.org.

Courage through hip-hop

Local author steps back to 1984

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

SOUTH HADLEY - Regardless of when or where, deviating from the norm has never been and will never be an easy task. While crafting the story of four local teens who find strength through hip-hop in the mid-1980s, local novelist Shane Robitaille revisited the past to portray his adolescence.



Local Author Shane Robitaille

“Rockit’ Crew (The Adventures of Teenage Hip-Hop Misfits) is about four kids who live in western Massachusetts, 125 miles away from New York City in and discover hip-hop in 1984, how that impacts their lives and how hard it is to be different when the world around you rewards you for conformity.”

Infatuated with hip-hop as youths, Robitaille and three close friends formed the “Rockit JamMaster Maxing Crew,” created “house mixes” and strolled down the street, jukebox in-hand.

The novel’s four main characters walk the same path that Robitaille and



Submitted Photos, Shane Robitaille

“Rockit Crew: The Adventures of Teenage Hip-hop Misfits” by local Author Shane Robitaille, is available for purchase now.

his peers did nearly four decades ago. Hip-hop becomes their passion as the crew enters into a world of trials and tribulations.

“It conflicted greatly with what most kids were doing in our town so it created a lot of tensions with a lot of the other kids. It became a relatively confrontational situation between parts of the town that weren’t ready for hip-hop or exposed to it. They had pre-conceived ideas of what it was,” said Robitaille.

The original Rockit’ Crew preserved and “learned about the incredible power of friendship in the face of adversity.”

Criticism was not the only obstacle that the four young men conquered.

“It was before you could sample beats or YouTube any sounds you wanted and record them; it was before digital. If you wanted the sound of a train, you had to go to the tracks and record it yourself. We were never bored, man,” said Robitaille.

By 1988, each member of the Rockit’ Crew had gone his separate way. Robitaille entered the U.S. Air Force,

Essay competition commemorates Mayflower anniversary

BOSTON — Four hundred years ago the Mayflower landed on the shores of what would later be known as Massachusetts, forever changing the course of history of four nations: America, England, the Netherlands, and the Wampanoag. American Ancestors—also known as New England Historic Genealogical Society—a national family history organization headquartered in Boston and one of the groups leading activities to commemorate the quadricentennial of the landing of the Mayflower, has announced a statewide student competition in Massachusetts to honor the story of the Pilgrims and of the native Wampanoag people. The 2020 American Ancestors Young Historians Essay Contest asks students to explore how this 400-year old history relates to our national, familial, and/or personal stories and identities.

Open to students currently enrolled in grades 5–12 in public, private, and parochial schools, and those in home-study programs across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the contest asks participants to address one of three topics: How is the story of the Mayflower still relevant today?; How does your family’s journey to America compare to the journey of the Pilgrims in 1620?; and as a native student, what does your tribal history mean to you?

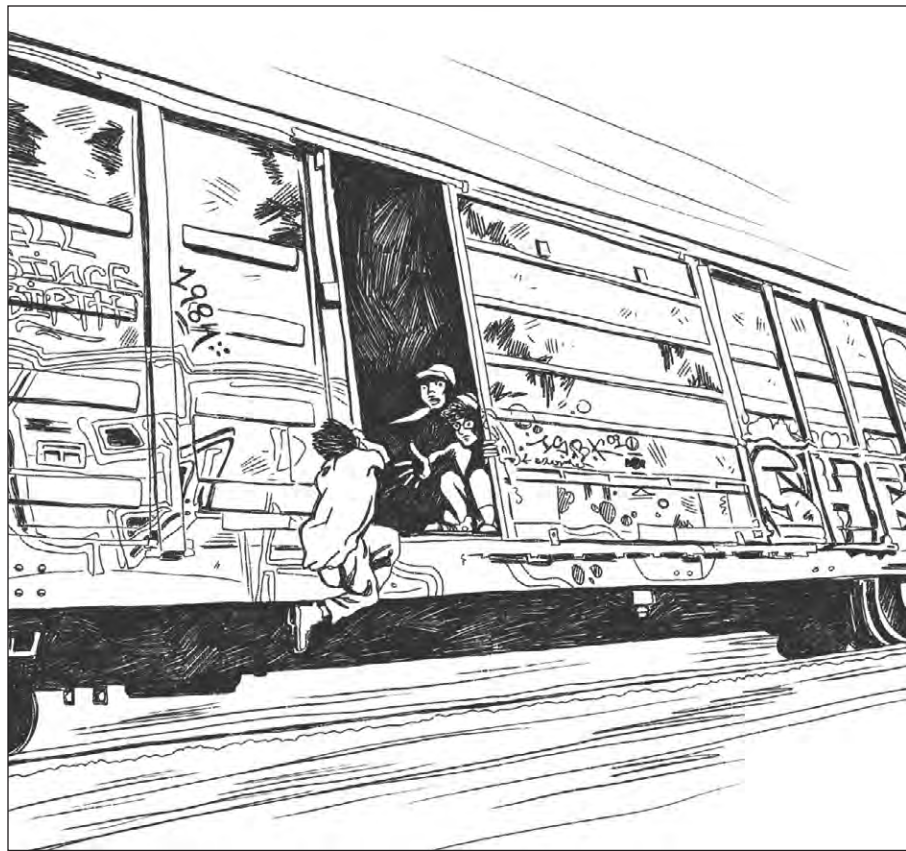
American Ancestor’s Director of Education Ginevra Morse described the statewide competition as an opportuni-

ty to honor the story of the Pilgrims and of the native Wampanoag people. “Their stories, collectively and individually, embody the triumphs and tragedies of life in early New England and in the country itself. These stories are still relevant today.”

“Involving some of the youngest minds in a process of reflection upon this historic event will lead to new insights and understanding for historians of all ages. We’re delighted to offer an opportunity for Massachusetts students to interpret and express the significance of the Mayflower voyage in their own words. We have no doubt that it will be revealing for many of us,” she added.

A panel of judges will announce winners of the 2020 American Ancestors Young Historians Essay Contest in early August 2020. Cash prizes will be awarded to six winners; three winners will be selected from grades 5–8 and receive \$500 each and another three winners will be selected from grades 9–12 and receive \$750 each. All winners will be invited to present part of their essay at special events in Boston, Massachusetts, commemorating the Mayflower 400 year.

The deadline for essay submissions is June 10, 2020. Submission guidelines may be found at <https://mayflower.americanancestors.org/essay-contest>, the Mayflower companion website of American Ancestors.



An illustration from Rockit Crew

earned the rank of Distinguished Sen. Sgt. and retired after a 25-year career, all while continuing to write.

It was only after meeting up with a former crew member that Robitaille shifted his focus to the novel. Robitaille hoped he could inspire people to “be brave and be their authentic selves in a world that doesn’t always reward that” by telling the story of the Rockit’ Crew.

It took him more than a year to complete the project. Every Monday evening, Robitaille spent hours writing. Attention to detail was prioritized.

“I decided I was going to do it because I didn’t want to wait forever and not have the memory of the details anymore,” he said. “I thought that there’s never going to be a perfect time to take on a novel so I made a goal of focusing on just this story.”

Robitaille is optimistic that the novel will serve to remind adults that being a teenager has its ups and downs; he hopes that teens are supported on their journey to find an identity.

Rockit’ Crew (The Adventures of Teenage Hip-Hop Misfits) is suitable

for adults, young adults and teens and is dedicated to “best friends every and those who are brave enough to be different.”

An author of poetry books, short stories, and indie screenplays, “Rockit Crew” is Shane’s first novel. His other books include “A Tango with a Thistle” and “Punk Rock Soul”. Shane graduated from Amherst Regional High in 1989 and currently lives in South Hadley. In addition to writing, he works professionally in talent development, and is a speaker at workshops, conferences and schools with a focus on empowerment for youth and young adults, mentoring, career guidance, and storytelling.

“Rockit Crew,” the first piece of a two-book series, is available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble online as well as a variety of booksellers around the world. Robitaille hopes that readers have as much fun reading the story as he had writing it.

“It’s been a thrill to kind of have one foot back in 1984 for the past 14 months,” he said.

Palmer High School Participates in Geo Bee

For the third consecutive year, Palmer High students, Grades 6-8, participated in the National Geographic Society Geo Bee. In mid-January, 37 students who wished to, took a written test comprised of 35 questions from the fields of geography, history and science. The qualifying score was 22, and 23 students qualified to participate in the actual Geo Bee which was held on Tuesday, February 4th. The winners are: 1st place Shea Simpkins, Grade 7;

2nd place Kawan Freeman, Grade 8; and 3rd place Carmelo Flores, Grade 6. Kawan placed either 1st or 2nd in all three years that he participated. Shea then took an online test to determine his eligibility for the State Finals on March 27th. The Bee coordinator was Susan Cagan, PHS Grade 6 Social Studies teacher, assisted by Sandy Noonan, a retired Social Studies teacher.

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Viewpoints

FROM THE EDITOR

Dear residents and readers,

As the new editor of the *Journal Register*, I'd like to formally introduce myself, tell you a little about my background and invite you to send me your feedback, story ideas and letters.



I'm a Western Massachusetts native and a graduate of Western New England University, where I studied communication with a concentration in journalism. During my senior year, I also completed an internship with the Springfield Republican and later signed on as a freelancer with the paper. After graduating, I worked as a staff writer for the weekly *Inquirer and Mirror* newspaper on Nantucket, where I learned all about the ins and outs of community journalism, what makes a strong newspaper and how to dig into important stories that need to be reported.

After leaving Nantucket, I moved to Seattle and worked as a freelance journalist for publications including the *Seattle Times*, along with several national websites and trade publications. But I couldn't resist the draw to move back east; Western Massachusetts is a unique place, filled with vibrant people, culture and landscapes from farmlands to mountains and rivers, all within a short drive.

Since moving back, I started writing again for the Republican and affiliate website *MassLive.com*, along with the *Daily Hampshire Gazette*. But, working from home, I missed being an active part of a newsroom, with colleagues I could bounce ideas off and laugh (and commiserate) with as part of a team, which led me to my job search and new home with *Turley Publications*.

When I'm not writing, I can often be found playing my ukulele and singing at home, reading a book in a cafe or skateboarding when the weather's nice.

Now, I want to hear from you – what stories do you want to see in these pages? Are there issues you're concerned about, community leaders you think deserve recognition, or events you're excited to attend? If so, please drop me a line at elinscott@turley.com. You can also reach me there with press releases, calendar items or letters to the editor.

Elise Linscott, Editor

In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer

For the past week or so, I've been seeing turkey vultures. Since turkey vultures are migratory in the North, it is a sign that spring is not far away. The turkey vulture is 26 to 32 inches long with a wingspan of about six feet. It soars overhead with a slight dihedral, a shallow V and rocks back and forth. At close range, the small naked red head of the adult is visible. Young birds have blackish heads. The tips of the wings have a finger-like appearance.



Paula Ouimette, the author's daughter, drew this turkey vulture.

An eagle, when soaring, holds its wings in a flat plane, has a larger head and shorter tail. When overhead, the turkey vulture's two toned blackish wings are evident. The turkey vulture does not kill live prey and eats only dead flesh, preferring fresh carrion. However, they will eat decaying carcasses. They also eat pumpkins, juniper berries and grapes. Turkey vultures ride thermals and are often seen soaring. They also will perch in a tree or land on the ground. Sometimes, they land in roadways to eat road kill.

Red-winged blackbird

I saw my first red-winged blackbird of the 2020 season on the Primary Election Day. A solitary male was eating sunflower seeds on my tray feeder. Only the white part of its red, yellow and white epaulets were showing.

Flocks of Canada geese

I am noticing large flocks of Canada geese in fields, on open water or along the Ware River. I also hear them honking as they fly overhead. I imagine that these flocks are returning from the south rather than geese that overwintered in the area.

Yesterday on my way home from work, I spotted a large flock of Canada geese in a field by the State Police Academy in New Braintree. I saw two geese flying toward the flock and watched them draw in their wings to land.

Birds at the feeder

I had an American goldfinch eating seeds off the ground. It was a male and starting to show its breeding plumage of white rump, black crown and yellow head, breast and belly.

I still have tufted titmice, black-capped chickadees, blue jays, juncos, white-breasted nuthatches, downy woodpeckers and mourning doves. I fill my tray feeder with black oil sunflower seeds, shelled peanuts and a handful of mealworms every morning.

I know black bears are coming out of hibernation so I only put out a small amount and only in the morning.

People may report a bird sighting or bird experience by calling 413-967-3505, extension 100 or email either mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.



Tasks to tackle in my yard

There are a few things to be done in my yard, some that are best done this time of year and a few others that I never got to last fall. I look forward to a warm sunny day to tackle these tasks. Maybe you are in the same boat; if so, read on.

It's time to prune your apple trees. Accomplish this while the trees are still dormant. You have only a few more weeks to get the job done, otherwise it's best to hold off until next winter. Remove dead or diseased branches first, sterilizing your loppers or saw in between cuts. Then concentrate on branches that are too low, too high or those that cross over or rub on one another. Remember that fruit is borne on lateral branches, so also prune out those that are growing either straight up or straight down. It is important to allow light into the canopy of the tree to ripen your fruit. For that reason thin out new, weak growth or head it back where necessary. Pruning fruit trees is something you can't overthink; do a little research and get to it!

If you didn't tackle pruning your summer-bearing raspberries last fall, now would be a great time to do it. Leafless canes are easy to work with, but don't forget thick gloves and long sleeves for this job; they sure are picky! Start by cutting back the canes that fruited last season all the way to the ground. Then look at what's left. Prune away any that are skinnier than a pencil or those that have popped up in the lawn or garden path. Remember, you want to reach into the bed easily to pick all those berries! Here is the hard part: to have good air circulation within the patch, you should allow at least eight inches between canes. If you have any that are growing closer than that,

choose the healthier of the two and cut out the other one. Finally, trim off the tops of the canes so that they stand about three feet tall. The berries will be bigger and the less likely to bend under the weight of the fruit if you do so.

My strawberry plants have heaved out of the ground! I will take the time to carefully push them back in. When I am without fruit this June, kindly remind me that Christmas tree boughs or other lightweight mulch would have prevented them from bearing their roots! To be most successful, apply mulch after the ground freezes and remove it about the time forsythia blooms, usually mid-April. Strawberries aren't the only plant that may heave out of the

ground. Check your perennial bed too, especially if you planted new specimens after Labor Day. Recently installed plants may not have had the chance to grow enough new roots to properly anchor themselves, thus causing them to heave. Don't lose hope, however, simply tuck them back into the ground and hope for the best.

You may see what looks like dead branches on rose bushes or butterfly bush. It's still too early to tackle these plants; wait until new growth emerges to see just what you have to work with and where your cuts should be.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

March Is About

By Charles Barnes

Giving a toss to the clutter:
Take care of the messes, tho' the house looks bare.
Time to get out, to rejoin the near and far;
Go as you are - light-footed as air.

Cool the lung-chambers, - almost could fly -
How far to go? and, what then for society:
Cleanse the heart, with a cold dash of cheer -

Take it for once, to help the matter.
Leave the mouse standing by - its small hat all - afutter -
It can get out anytime, down the drain pipe or gutter;

The wind brings these lines - only so much you can win -
It all opens wide - the doors at the Spring;
A new road in sight, at the promised beginning -
And the wheel can spin wild - in Marches hand.

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

Sometimes, you just need to step back. The political conversations I hear these days are strikingly negative, dominated by what's amiss in Washington, by the deep divisions in the country, by President Trump's actions and the aftermath of his impeachment, and by the difficult problems we face but seem to make little progress toward resolving. There's a lot of discouragement out there.

I've done my share of carping, too. But at times like these, I find it helpful to draw back and look for the positives, as a reminder not to lose sight of the benefits we all share as Americans.

For one thing, in the great game of world politics I'm pleased to be able to identify with the United States. We are not always right as a nation, though often we are. We have an economy that remains the envy of the world. Even if it's not the record-breaking marvel the President claims, we've enjoyed economic growth over a long period, and despite our problems with wage stagnation,

This is in part due to the na-

inequality, and rising concern about affordability, our overall performance — both political and economic — holds up well against our chief global rivals, Russia and China.

That is why our economy continues to attract outside investment and why our shores remain a top destination for refugees and immigrants. And it is why, quite remarkably for a superpower, we have friends, allies, and partners whose ties are voluntary, based on shared ideals and values.

We can always do better, of course. Some of our alliances have become frayed of late. And it may be that we're no longer at the pinnacle of global power we once enjoyed. But we've been able to protect our standing without descending into outright war, and though our global challenges are sobering and we have to appreciate the constraints on our power — we're not going to make every country in the world peaceful, prosperous, and democratic — we can still have a profound influence for the better on the world around us.

ture of our democracy. I don't buy into the view that our country is collapsing. Yes, I understand that we have a vigorous public debate that goes on between the right and the left, and that as liberals, conservatives and moderates all compete aggressively for power, sometimes the competition gets out of hand. It's not a perfect process, but it has served us well on the whole. Most notably, we have a longstanding tradition of free and fair elections, a free press, separation of powers, the rule of law (though some of these are under stress right now) and an active civil society.

All of these produce a feature of our democracy that constantly impresses me: our capacity for reform. Our freedoms give us the capability to stand back, watch the process unfold, search for the truth, try to understand what's happening in the country and the world, and then make decisions based on the information we have in front of us. If we make a mistake, which is hardly uncommon, we have the ability to correct it — usually by working through the system to change course. True,

popular protests in this country occasionally turn violent, but more often than not we sort out our problems peaceably by working together.

This is why I don't share the gloom I see in a lot of the predictions about where we're headed. Since our founding — in fact, it's right there at the start of the Constitution — we have striven to achieve "a more perfect union," and though that goal has suffered setbacks and at times seemed beyond reach, over the course of our history we've always been able to advance toward it. It takes hard work to overcome the challenges and to bounce back, but our capacity for self-renewal is strong and no less vital now than it ever was. We should remember that.

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Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

Could someone define "gun control" for me. Is it designed to control firearms themselves: Is it designed to control peoples access and ownership of firearms? Is it to control criminals access or law-abiding citizens access? Is it just a cover for those in power to deny us our civil rights?

For clarification, there is no "gun crimes" or "gun violence." A firearm is an inanimate object and cannot commit any act. It takes a human to load and fire said firearm. We need to punish those that misuse firearms, not punish the firearm or the innocent owners.

Our rights, as stated in the Declaration of Independence, are endowed by the Creator, not some legislature. The Second Article of the Bill of Rights says that our right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. We do not need a bunch of old men and women in black robes to explain what this means.

The terms the rich socialist anti-freedom people throw around so easily. High capacity feeding device, assault weapon, weapon of war, common sense gun control, gun safety, they are meaningless. No one gets to decide for me what I need or do not need. This is just scare words for people who in their blind bid for power are afraid of us. The first rule of every totalitarian leader in history is to disarm the people.

Robert E. Smith, Jr.

Springing ahead in Daylight Saving Time

By Joan E. B. Coombs
Guest columnist

When Daylight Saving Time arrived early last Sunday morning, it was protocol to put our clocks ahead one hour. Did you really "Spring ahead?"

During this 2020 Leap Year, especially with that added an extra day added to the natural calendar, did you jump for joy about the time change? Or, like many of us, did the next morning find you measuring out extra scoops of coffee grounds into the morning-blend brew maker? And, then, of course, you added several scoops of an energy-burst sweetener, instead of using one teaspoon.

One wonders if across our earth's Northern Hemisphere gazillions of clock changers climbed their walls in an hourly exercise? Were they able to run, like clockwork-- from room to room pushing all time-measuring instruments one hour ahead? Sometimes, changing clocks, in a home, a school, a business, in a timely manner doesn't always happen.

We can only imagine the conversations after losing an hour's sleep. Or, do we have to imagine?

"Our days aren't long enough. Why take an hour away?" overheard at breakfast time Mumble Grumbles. "I'm not late for school. The car clock's wrong."

It's not Monday morning already-- is it?"

"What's the REAL time?"

"Daylight Savings Time-Why are they saving it, and where do they keep it?" proclaimed by Mr. Anonymous.

"Spring Ahead", is a mnemonic phrase that helps us to remember when Daylight Saving Time marches ahead. "Fall behind" is another axiom that helps us to remind when Daylight Savings Time retreats toward autumn and winter months.

"Losing an hour's sleep means that getting up in the morning is often a matter of mind over mattress. Gaining an hour of daylight, in an evening, is always a matter of enjoying hours of extended twilight," says me.

Some may feel that our "Spring forward" has sprung. Winter weighed in. Our bounce-per-ounce of energy was totally depleted during this extra Leap Year day plunge. Take courage. Springing ahead in Daylight Saving Time happens only once a year. Until fall. Then it's autumn-matic.

Election letters to the editor welcome

The *Journal Register* welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The *Journal Register*, care of *Turley Publications*, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to dfarmer@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call editor Douglas Farmer at 413-283-8393.

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As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

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Looking Back

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25 YEARS AGO

FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1995 ...

Couple raises puppies then turns them over to be trained as guide dogs for the blind

By Tina Lak

MONSON - Joe and Ann Custance of - Monson looked on with pride as Vixen, a young female Labrador retriever, led her new partner around during the Guiding Eyes for the Blind graduation ceremony.

The Custances had raised and trained Vixen for one year in their Reimer Road home before returning her to the school where she would be professional trained as a guide dog for the visually impaired.

"It's wonderful the first time out see that-dog leading 'a person around and you remember what that dog was like as a pup," Ann Custance said on Tuesday, "There is a great deal of satisfaction doing something for someone else, especially since you are doing it for a complete stranger."

With the joy, also comes the sadness.

"You fall in love with the dog, Custance said. "You can't help it."

Custance has been interested in volunteering as a puppy raiser since she was in high school and first heard about the program.

However, the timing was never right until three years ago when she was able to take in her first puppy from the program.

Netta, also a black Labrador retriever, was the Custances first foster puppy.

"The first one was very difficult to, let go of," Custance said. "I had hard time giving her up. The first time you raise one of these puppies, there is a disbelief that it will ever happen (turning the puppy over for professional training and eventual placement). The second time you handle it differently."

Custance said she still falls in love with all of the puppies that come for her for their year of training, however there is a bit of detachment.

"Most people can't do it the second time (raise and give up a puppy)," Custance said. "However, there are other ways they can help like having the brood or stud dog. They are like your own."

Netta failed to graduate from professional training and was returned to the Custances.

Puppy raisers have first option to claim the puppy if it fails the professional training program. If the puppy raiser does not want the puppy, it is either matched to a person who is on a Jong waiting and sold to them for\$500 or it is given to the Connecticut State Police to train the dogs for arson and drug detection.

The police dogs are sent all over the world.

"It was a Guiding Eyes for the Blind dog that found the bomb in the World Trade Center," Custance said. "And, Netta's sister is an arson dog in Greece.

Custance said that all of the time and energy that you spend training the puppy brings you close to them.

Volunteer puppy raisers receive their foster pet when they are about eight weeks old. The foster parents are responsible for teaching the puppies basic obedience and house manners. They are responsible for integrating the puppy into public life.

Everyday Ann Custance worked with Vixen on obedience. She would teach Vixen how to sit, stay, heel, walk up and down stairs correctly and stand still while she was brushed. She would take Vixen for walks and for drives in her car.

She would take Vixen into businesses, situations in which the puppy would eventually be required to lead her partner into. Custance even took Vixen into crowds at the Monson Summerfest.

"This is the foundation of training for the puppy so the trainers at the school don't have to start at the very beginning," Custance explained.

Twice a month Custance would take Vixen to classes in Granby, Conn., where she would socialize with other puppies.

Every three months she would take Vixen to Suffield, Conn. For evaluation.

"They (Guiding Eyes for the Blind) provides each person with a manual," Custance explained about the puppy program. "And, you always have someone to guide you through."

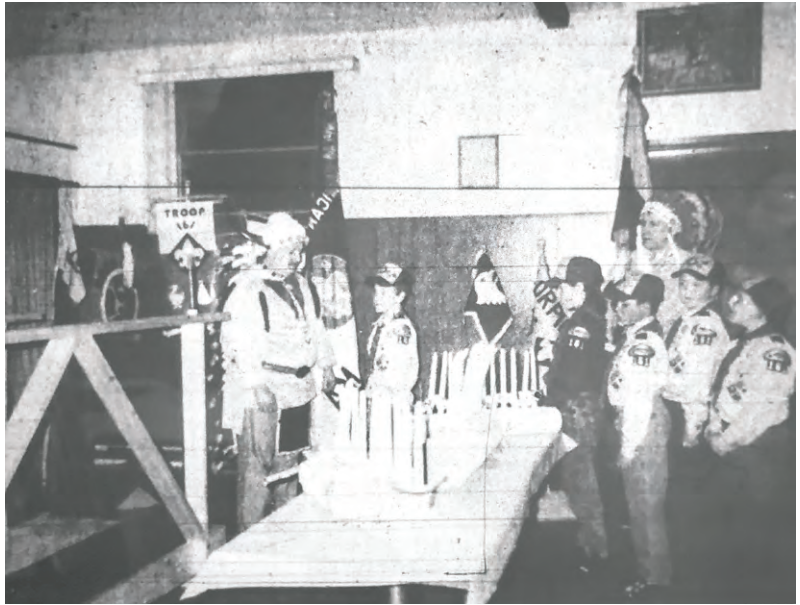
Custance, a veterinarian technician at Wilbraham Animal Hospital, said the hospital donated care for



FROM THE PAGES OF THE PALMER JOURNAL THIS WEEK IN 1995: Doreen Demas, of Canada (seated), and guide dog Vixen, with puppy raisers Joe and Ann Custance, of Monson. (Guiding Eyes for the Blind photo)



FROM THE PAGES OF THE PALMER JOURNAL THIS WEEK IN 1995: Courtney Jean Lockwood



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1995: Palmer scouts receive a neckerchief, slide and shoulder loops and a candle during a cross-over ceremony on Feb. 22 at the Merrill L. Simonds Post 130 of the American Legion. (Photos by Simone A. Machnik)



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Western District meeting of BPW took place in Palmer. Rev. Roger Palmquist, guest speaker, chats with Clarissa Mercier (center), State President, and Teresa Boylan, Palmer President.

the puppies.

Custance was able to meet Vixen's partner, Doreen Demas, at the graduation ceremony. Demas, of Winnipeg, Canada, serves as a policy analyst for the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

Custance is almost finished training Eddie, her third Guiding Eyes puppy, who will be turned over for professional training in April. Custance is anticipating meeting her new puppy at about the same time.

Since 1954, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, a nonprofit -organization, has provided visually impaired men and women across the United States with exceptionally well-trained guide dogs, giving their lives greater independence, safety and dignity.

From breeding to graduation, it costs nearly \$25,000 to prepare and match a blind person with a guide dog for their new life together. This service is free of charge to all students.

For admission or puppy raising information, call 1-800-942-0149 or write: Guiding Eyes for the Blind, 611 Granite Springs Road, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598.

Editors Note: Twenty-five years later, the address and phone number listed above are still active. Visit them online at https://www.guiding-eyes.org.

Palmer tot wins at beauty pageant, heads for finals

By Curtis Reeser

PALMER—Courtney Jean Lockwood celebrated her second birthday today (Thursday) and already the blonde, blue-eyed young lady is a veteran of the beauty pageant circle

Courtney Jean, of Longview Street in Palmer, recently participated in and won at the regional Sunburst Beauty pageant held at Ingleside Mall, Holyoke, March 10. She was entered in the one-year old category along with 18 other young and aspiring models to be and walked away with prizes in

three of the five categories.

Courtney Jean won firsts in most photogenic and best and best hair and she was first runner up in best overall.

Because of her birthday, Courtney Jean will be competing in the 2-year-old category when she attends the Sunburst Beauty Pageant Mass State finals to be held on May 19 in Hyannis. She will be entered in six categories there, competing against finalist from all over the state. Her categories include western wear, formal wear, costume, swimsuit and party wear.

If Courtney Jean is successful in any of these categories, she will go on to complete in the international segment of the competition that will include contestants from 42 states, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Courtney Jean's mother, Shelly, is currently going around to get sponsors for the state pageant and with luck will be doing it again for the internationals.

Palmer scouts move from pack to troop

By Simone A. Machnik

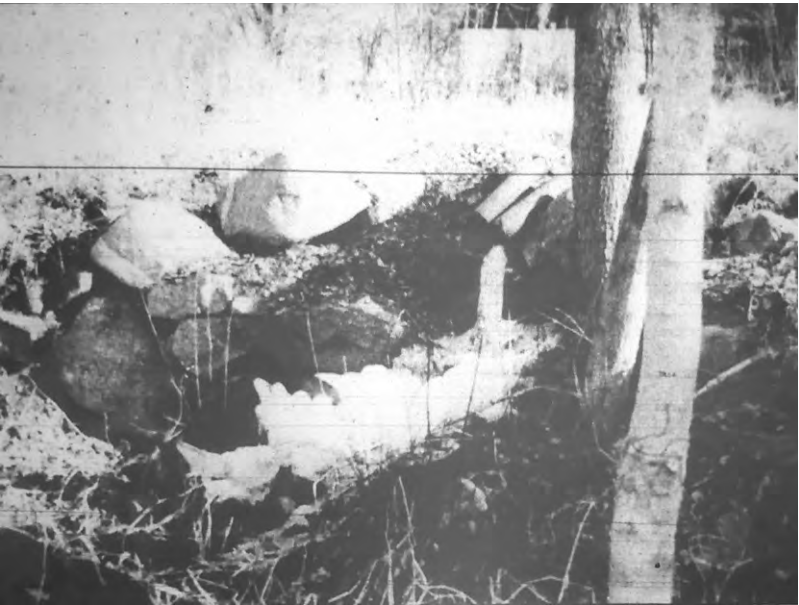
PALMER — On Wednesday, Feb. 22, The Merrill L. Simonds Post 130 of the American Legion had a "Standing Room Only" audience as 11 graduated Webelos Cub Scouts from Palmer Pack 161 and one Webelos Leader, formally crossed over into Palmer's Boy Scout Troop 161.

The actual Crossover was presided over by Ken Connor (Cloud-walker) and Bib Fiedler (Grey Wolf) who ceremoniously brought the candidates from the Land of the Cub Scout to the Land of the Boy Scout. Each candidate was individually escorted over the Bridge and then donned with a Boy Scout hat, neckerchief, slide and shoulder loops.

After each boy had received his neckerchief, slide, etc., he was greeted by an older Boy Scout from the troop and given a candle. The older scout then lit the new Boy Scout's candle, shook his hand,



FROM THE PAGES OF THE PALMER JOURNAL THIS WEEK IN 1995: Special Tees of Palmer displayed a wide array of shirts and hats at their booth last weekend during the Trade Show sponsored by the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce in Palmer. (Photo by Brenda Sherman)



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: Nature's Ice Sculpture... Nature creates its own sculpture of beauty in Bondsville by freezing water as it poured out of a pipe. (Submitted photo by T. Skaza)

and escorted him over to the main group. All candles were originally lit from the Scouting Spirit Candle thus passing on the light to each of the new Scouts.

The newest Boy Scouts of Troop 161 are Nate Austin, Jason Couse, Joshua Gehlhausen, John Paul Hurley, Jeffrey Kaczmarczyk, David Machnik, Michael Mullen, Tony Parks, David Ross and Stefan Schattgen.

Each boy then received his Badge from Scoutmaster Mark Machnik. This indicated that the boy had gone beyond the Cub Scout Arrow of Light requirements by also fulfilling the requirements to join Boy Scouts.

After all of the boys had received their Scout Badge, District Commissioner Bruce Durand presented the entire group to the assembly.

William "Bill" Mullen, Jr. was awarded his new ceremonial name of Dark Otter by Cloudwalker and Grey Wolf.

Two Webelos Dens from Pack 161 were represented. All ten of the Screaming Eagles crossed over, and one boy from the Scorpions. The boys were presented with Screaming Eagles or Scorpion neckerchief slides made by Bill Mullen as a memento of their Webelos experience. Then, two small plaques with the appropriate patches for the two dens, and the year 1995 were attached to the Crossover Bridge as a tribute to the boys crossing over.

Those present to view the ceremony included Henry "Hank" Bradley, Department Commander of the American Legion; Arthur Smith, Department Vice Commander and Chairman of Boy Scouts for the American Legion; Mark Avis, District #3 Commander and Post 130 Adjutant; Frank Weise, Senior Executive Director, Pioneer Valley Council of Boy Scouts; Bruce Durand, Commissioner for Dekanawidah District; Cheryl Izyk, Assistant District Commissioner; Lynn Lizak, Assistant Commissioner; Al Lewandowski, Unit Commissioner; Terry Mikaelian and Mrs. Shea War, District Committee Members; Peter Izyk, Chairman of District Webelos to Scout Transition Committee and Cubmaster for Pack 164 and Bonnie Hougaard, Committee Chairman for Pack 161.

50 YEARS AGO

FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970 ...



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: PAMELA PHILLIPS



FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1970: LINDA GUARALDI

portunity of the Journal interview to clear up the situation revolving around a statement attributed to him during the meeting. He was quoted as saying, "I'm ready to hand out what they handed out to me for one year" in reference to some members of the board.

Kaczmarczyk told the Journal he never made that statement.

His predecessor, Henry R. Trespas, nominated Joseph Malzenski for the chairmanship. He turned it down for reasons of health. Trespas then nominated John J. Dyl, who declined. Next, Trespas nominated a new member to the board, Robert A. Carper. He too declined the nomination.

Carper moved for the nomination of Kaczmarczyk as chairman. That was the opening for the Bonds-ville man. He cast a vote for himself and received the support of Carper and Malzenski to replace Trespas.

He entertained a motion from Dyl that Trespas be appointed secretary. Kaczmarczyk who clashed almost every meeting with Dyl, could not see this motion and asked that the secretary's post be returned to

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DEATH NOTICES

Cook, Raymond E.
Died March 8, 2020
Funeral Service March 14, 2020
Beers & Story Funeral Home
Palmer

Garnett, Filomena G. (Marcinkiewicz)
Died March 3, 2020
Funeral Mass March 10, 2020
St. Thomas Church

Gilman, Kenneth W.
Died March 5, 2020
Funeral Services March 12, 2020
Lombard Funeral Home

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O B I T U A R I E S

Raymond E. Cook

MONSON – Raymond E. Cook, 95, crossed over on March 8, 2020, in the comfort of his daughter’s home in Monson.

Ray was born August 21, 1924, he was the son of the late Joshua and Bertha (Cook) Crowther. He grew up in Enfield area of the Quabbin before moving to Bondsville, Three Rivers, Brimfield and Monson. Ray worked for the former Federal Paper Board (Caraustar) and drove buses for Palmer Motor Coach.

Ray is survived by his children, Mary Lee Motter, of Brimfield, Joanne Turner Chiacchia, and her husband, Stephen, of Three Rivers, Raymond H. Cook, and his wife, Linda, of Ware, Karen McNamara, and her husband, Paul, of Monson, James Cook, and his wife, MaryJane, of Longmeadow, and Richard Cook, and his wife, Ana, of Palmer. He also leaves two sisters, Dorothy Crowther and Shirley Pierce. His grandchildren, David Mottor, and his wife, Nancy, Edward Ashleigh, and his partner, Laura, Jim Ashleigh and his wife, Sharon, Sarah Ashleigh, Scott Turner and his partner, Bonnie, Jeff Turner, and his wife, Brenda, Joseph Chiacchia, and his wife, Lori, Stephen Chiacchia, Dennis Cook, Sherry Kennedy and her partner, JR,

Carrie Latulippe, and her husband, Yvan, Robert Smigiel, and his wife, Nicole, Stacy Hood, and her husband, Michael, James Cook Jr., and his wife, Natasha, Christopher Cook, and his wife, Vanessa, Christopher Dunn and wife, Elizabeth, Michael Dunn, Lisa Dunn, Richard Cook Jr. , and his wife, Joy. He also leaves 26 great-grandchildren.

Ray was predeceased by his wife of over 50 years, Marion, a daughter, Barbara, and brothers, Philip Crowther and Robert Crowther, and a sister, Mary Chapin.

Raymond Cook served in the Army during World War II from March 1943 until his honorable discharge in October 1945. During his service, Ray was a member of the U.S. Army Rangers before volunteering to join the First Special Service Force. The “Force” also known in as the Devils Brigade, was an elite military unit comprised of volunteers from the United States and Canada that was initially intended to target military and industrial installations that were critical in supplying materials used in the Axis war effort. Ray and surviving members of



the Force were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal during a ceremony at the Capital on Feb. 3, 2015. The Gold Medal was given to the Force in recognition of its superior service during World War II. PFC Cook participated in many battles throughout the war in North Africa, Italy and France and received two Purple Hearts for injuries sustained during combat. Other medals and citations Ray earned during his service included, the Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, and the Norwegian Defense Medal.

Services will be held at Beers & Story Funeral Home, in Palmer. Calling hours will be Friday, March 13, at 4 to 7 p.m. A funeral service will be held on Saturday March 14, at 10 a.m. Burial will follow in Four Corners Cemetery.

For those wishing to do so, donations may be made in his memory to: Holyoke Soldiers Home Activity/Recreation Fund, 110 Cherry St., Holyoke, MA, 01040.

For more information or to sign the online guest book, visit www.beersandstory.com.

Kenneth W. Gilman, 1941-2020

MONSON- Kenneth W. Gilman, 78, passed away surrounded by love of family, Thursday, March 5, 2020. Ken was born in Ware, MA to Aime H. Gilman and Edith M. (Dougan) Mongeon. Ken was raised by his Grandmother, Elizabeth Dougan. He was a graduate of Springfield Trade School and worked as a diesel mechanic/ machinist for CSX Railroad and retired after 37 years in 2002. Ken enjoyed camping, hunting, woodworking, bird watching and visiting Cape Cod. Years ago he enjoyed CB radios and was a member of the Odd Fellows. Ken

was also an avid hot air balloon chaser.

Kenneth leaves his loving wife of 58 years, Myrna P (Lamb) Gilman; sons Kenneth W. Gilman Jr and his wife Lisa of Brookfield, Keith Gilman and his wife Karla of Monson; daughter, Tara Gilman-Sheffield and her husband Derek of Monson; sisters, Paula Jo Jarvis, Karen Wilk and her husband John all of Warren; and his loving grandchildren, Bailey, Benjamin, Austin, Aaron, Mason, Parker and



Paige and a great grandson Jace.

Visiting hours will be held Thursday, March 12, 2020 in Lombard Funeral Home 3 Bridge St. Monson, MA from 4-6pm with a service at 6pm to conclude the evening. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Shriners Hospital for Children, Springfield, 516 Carew Street Springfield, MA 01104. For online condolences/directions please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com.

Myrella B. LeClair, 95

THREE RIVERS - Myrella B. LeClair, 95, passed away March 5, 2020. She was born June 29, 1924 in Three Rivers to the late Armand and Angelina (Fontaine) Beriault. A life long resident of Three Rivers in Palmer, Myrella previously worked as a secretary in the town of Palmer Courts and probation department. She was a member

of the former St. Anne’s Parish and prayer group. Myrella enjoyed doing puzzles and reading, even receiving a certificate from the town library. She will be dearly missed by her daughter, Myrella B. LeClair II and spouse Barb of Three Rivers, and by her son, Paul H. LeClair of Massachusetts. She also leaves behind three grandchildren. Myrella was

preceded in death by her loving husband Henry LeClair. Beers & Story Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements and all services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. For more information or to sign the online guest book, please visit www.beersandstory.com



PALMER - Filomena “Phyllis” Genevieve (Marcinkiewicz) Garnett, 95, passed away peacefully on March 3, 2020. She was born March 30, 1924 daughter of Peter and Genevieve (Pula) Marcinkiewicz. Phyllis was a life-long resident of Palmer MA and retired as a clerk from the Palmer Pharmacy after working there for 15 years. She was a communicant of St. Thomas Church and a member of the Palmer Senior Center. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her husband Preston L. Garnett in 1995 and

six siblings, Adam, Walter, Stanley, John, Alexander and Mary-Ann. She will be deeply missed by her niece, Valerie Winchester of Palm Beach, FL and her daughter Alexandria, nephew, Jonathan Marcinkiewicz and his wife Randi of MA and their children Zachary, Alexander and Jacqueline, and nephew, Paul Marcinkiewicz of MA and his wife Shannon Bischoff and children Kurt, Brett, Garrett,

Carson, Hayden and Avery. A calling hour will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 9:30-10:30 am followed by a Funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. at St. Thomas Church. Burial will be held in Oak Knoll Cemetery. Donations may be made in her memory to either St. Thomas Church or the Palmer Senior Center. For more information, please visit www.beersandstory.com.

Police/Fire

Police Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Police Department responded to a total of 285 calls from Mar. 4 to Mar. 10. The Department made four arrests or summons. Those arrested will appear at a future date in the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Friday, Mar. 6

Charlie M. Ricko, 40, of 35 Converse St. Apt. #1STFL, Palmer was arrested at 2:50 p.m. on Converse Street in Palmer, for 2 arrests warrants and the possession of ammunition without a Firearm ID Card.

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to a total of 11 calls from Mar. 6 through Mar. 9

On Fri., Mar. 6 at 3:00 a.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Park St. The department returned to service at 3:25 a.m.

On Sun., Mar. 8 at 9:39 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Hill St. The department returned to service at 9:58 a.m.

On Sun., Mar. 8 at 9:59 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Wright St. The department returned to service at 10:23 a.m.

On Sun., Mar. 8 at 1:02 p.m., the department responded to a passenger vehicle fire on Ware Road. The department returned to service at 2:56 p.m.

On Mon., Mar. 9 at 9:45 a.m., the department provided assistance with another governmental agency on Main St. The department returned to service at 1:06 p.m.

On Mon., Mar. 9 at 10:15 a.m., the department responded to a call, where there was no incident found at dispatched address on Wright St. The department returned to service at 10:46 a.m.

On Mon., Mar. 9 at 11:02 a.m., the department responded to a lock out on Walnut St. The department returned to service at 11:19 a.m.

On Mon., Mar. 9 at 1:02 p.m., the department responded to a brush fire on State St. The department returned to service at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday Mar. 7

Dylan Boyton, 20, of 12 Anderson St., Three Rivers, was arrested on Orchard Street in Palmer, on charges of vandalizing property and trespassing.

MONSON

The Monson Police Department responded to a total of 203 calls from Mar. 4 to Mar. 7. The Department made four arrests or summons. Those arrested will appear at a future date in the Palmer District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Friday, Mar. 6

Grover Tucker Owens, 56, of 17 Maple Rd., Hampden, was arrested at 1:11 a.m. on charges of operating under the influence of liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; a marked lanes violation; and exceeding the posted speeding limit.

Saturday, Mar. 7

Keri S. Martinson, 39, of 2 Pineview Dr., Monson, was arrested at 1:35 a.m. on charges of operating under the influence of liquor.

BONDSDVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to a total of three calls from Mar. 3 through Mar. 9.

On Mon., Mar. 9 at 12:47 p.m., the department responded to State St. for a brush fire. The department returned to service at 7:15 p.m.

On Monday, Mar. 9 at 3:40 p.m., Engine 31 and Squad 31 were redirected for mutual aid to Church St. in Thorndike for a structure fire. The units cleared the scene at 4:10 p.m. and returned to the State St. brush fire.

On Monday, Mar. 9 at 10:07 p.m., the department responded to South High St. for an unauthorized burning. The department returned to service at 10:25 p.m.

THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to a total of six incidents from Mar. 3 through Mar. 9.

On Tue., Mar. 3 at 4:37 p.m., the department responded to an oil spill on Main St. The department returned to service at 5:00 p.m.

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injuries.

It’s that time of year again when dry ground cover and windy conditions can unite to allow sparks or other items to ignite brush fires, whether it is backyard burning that gets out of control, the brakes on trains giving off sparks or discarded cigarettes along the side of the road.

In fact, State Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey released information to the public about being aware of the recent conditions. “Early spring is typically the time when firefighters are busy fighting brush fires, he said in a prepared statement. “As the season changes, the winds can be strong and unpredictable. Please conduct open burning safely and watch the wind. Have a permit and to be ready to shut it down quickly if the weather changes.”

April worst month

Historically April is the worst month for brush fires. Many people rush to conduct open burning before the season ends on May 1 and may burn too much at once. Spring is typically a windy time of the year as the weather pattern changes. The snow pack has melted, but the ground is only just starting to green up and there is plenty of dry vegetation and leaves from last year to serve as tinder. Dry, hot and windy conditions make it perfect for brush fires to start and to get out of control, and hard for firefighters to bring them under control.

Don’t delay

If the fire should get out of control, call the fire department immediately. “Winds can fan the flames and fire can spread faster than a person can run,” said Ostroskey. “Use the utmost caution to prevent injury and damage to your own and your

neighbor’s property.”

“Due to the wet spring, 2019 had the second lowest number of brush fires on record; we are not likely to be so lucky in 2020,” said Ostroskey. “The spring brush fire season has already started.” The five-year average number of brush fires (2015-2019) is 5,065. In 2019, there were only 2,705 brush fires in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System collects data on grass fires, brush fires, wildland fires, woods fires and other outside natural vegetation fires and we refer to them as “brush fires.”

Taxing departments Brush fires are labor intensive and take a long time to bring under control. Multiple brush fires can severely tax a community’s firefighting resources. Prevention is the best approach.

Burn safely

Open burning that has gotten out of control is the cause of many brush fires. Open burning season, in communities where it is allowed, ends on May 1. A permit is required from the local fire warden, usually the local fire chief. Burning can only take place when both air quality and fire conditions are acceptable. “Weather conditions change rapidly, so watch the wind and be prepared to extinguish your brush pile. A sudden wind change is how most open burning fires get out of control,” said Ostroskey.

Open burning is prohibited at all times in these communities: Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Chelsea, Chicopee, Everett, Fall River, Holyoke, Lawrence, Lowell, Malden, Medford, New Bedford, Newton, Somerville, Springfield, Waltham, Watertown, West Springfield, Worcester.

State fire wardens determine each day whether conditions are

safe for open burning. Weather and air quality can change rapidly, especially in the spring, and fire departments can rescind permits when that happens. Follow local procedures for using the permit on any given day.

How to Safely Burn Brush

- Burn between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. with a permit from the fire warden (usually the fire chief).

- Burn only when air quality is acceptable for burning. Local authorities will call the MassDEP Air Quality Hotline at 800-882-1497 or visit MassAir Online to find out if it is.

- Burn only on your own property as close as possible to the source of material to be burned, no less than 75 feet away from all dwellings and away from utility lines.

- Have fire suppression tools handy; keep a fire extinguisher or charged garden hose, and a shovel and a rake close by.

- An adult must constantly monitor the fire. Leaving burning unattended is a reason to revoke burning permits.

- Use paper and kindling to start a fire and progressively add larger pieces of wood. Parts of a leftover Christmas tree may also be used.

- Never use gasoline, kerosene or any other flammable liquid to start a fire. The risk of injury in these cases is too high.

- Burn one small pile at a time and slowly add to it. This will help keep the fire from getting out of control.

- Burn the fire down to the coals, drown them with water, spread them out, and then drown them again. Completely extinguish the fire before leaving.

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Supt. Santucci. The superintendent held the job for many years until the present board made changes. Trespas nominated Malzenski for the secretarial spot. Malzenski declined.

Dyl said he opposed Santucci for the secretary’s post on grounds “townspeople voted five members to the school board and one of them should be named to keep minutes of the meetings accurate.”

Kaczmarczyk held on for Santucci to get the post, but when a deadlock was imminent, relented and Trespas was elected.

The board voted to hire a recording secretary.

The board has operated in recent years with a vice-chairman but now it appears there is disagreement over this position. Kaczmarczyk and Malzenski concurred there was “never such a post formally put into the board’s records. It was agreed to leave the position “open” until further check of the records could be made to determine whether there was a formal motion to resurrect such a post or not.

Carper, making one of his first moves as a new member, asked for a delay in filling in the vice-chairmanship position until all facts are pinpointed.

Doctors Harry J. Anton and John T. Branciforte were reappointed as the school physicians.

Sgt. Henry Janasiewicz of the police department was reappointed school attendance truant officer.

Kaczmarczyk told the others, “I want it made clear that the old regime is gone. As long as I hold the post of chairman, minutes of all meetings will be kept up to date and there will be no piling up.” Some items of unfinished business were held up in order Carper be given the opportunity to study them before taking action. He thanked the board.

The driver education program appears to be in for another “undressing” by Dyl who contended the “course can be given at a lesser with schoolteachers serving as instructors.”

The “track system” which the board abolished in January, will be restudied. A motion by Malzenski forced this. The board unanimously voted to permit Mrs. Mary Landers to continue teaching in the elementary grades until the close of the current school year. She is 69.

DAR Citizen Award

Pamela M. Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell C. Phillips of Breckenridge St., Palmer, was the recipient of the DAR Good Citizens award at Palmer High School recently. She was chosen by her fellow seniors and the faculty on the basis of leadership, service, honor, and patriotism.

She has been active in the following: Pep Club, French Club, Cheerleader for four years. Varsity Captain during her Senior year, a member of the National Honor Society, of which she is Vice-President; Drama Club, Tennis Club, Palmer Historic Society, and is Co-editor of “The Palmer.”

In November, Pamela received the Outstanding Teenagers award. She has been accepted at the University of Massachusetts and plans to major in English.

HERE ‘N’ THERE

Editor’s Note: Readers wishing to have social items published in “Here and There” should call the Palmer Journal Register at 283-8393 or 283-8394.

Mrs. Marlene McGinn of the Palmer Community Clinical Nursery will be the guest speaker at the March 18 meeting of the Women’s Fellowship of Second Congregational Church at 8 P.M.

Now is your chance to find out what goes on in our church school rooms during the week. Questions will be answered by Mrs. McGinn regarding the need for such a nursery.

Three Rivers Grammar School P.T.A. will hold a Monte Carlo Whist party on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in AmVets Hall, Three Rivers. Heading the committee will be Dr. and Mrs. Peter Mastalz, Mrs. Diane Dupuis and Mrs. Judy Collins. Door prizes will be drawn and a lunch will be served. Tickets are available from committee members and will also be available at the door

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130 will sponsor a rummage sale Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20, at the Legion Home in Palmer, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Palmer Circle of Isabella will hold a Public Monte Carlo Whist at Memorial Hall March 16 at 7:30 p.m. Fun and door prizes.

The March meeting of the Lake Thompson Colonist’s Club will be held at the Community Hall on Tuesday, March 17 at 8 p.m. After the business meeting, the Program Committee has planned a project of making and decoration Easter eggs which will be taken to the patients at the Palmer Nursing Home at a later date.

Mrs. Marjorie Labossiere will be hostess for the evening.

The Ladies Society of the Second Baptist Church will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, March 16 at 2 p.m. in the church. Hostess will be Mrs. Mary Sheldon.

The Publick House in Sturbridge will be the setting tonight for a 10-year service banquet honoring the following Tampax Inc. Employers: Evelyn Banach, Eleanor Bourdreau, Arthur Guindon, Jr., Katherine Karpinski, James Lasonde, Joseph Latif, Matthew Mastalerz, Victoria Miner, Stanley Rhodes, Jr., and William Roberts.

James Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown of Palmer, is on the Dean’s List at University of Mass. He is a freshman, and works on the sports staff of “The Collegian,” the school paper.

Thorndike Brownie Troop 514 has a display in regards to Girl Scout Week in the window of Charlie’s Variety, Commercial Street, Thorndike.

Joseph E. Gregoire, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Gregoire, Dunhamtown Rd., Palmer, earned Dean’s List grades at Norwich University during the first semester of the 1969-70 college year.

Engaged

Mrs. Oddone L. Guardli, of Thorndike, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Linda Louise, to Michael H. Cimini of Alexandria, Virginia. A May wedding is planned.

100 YEARS AGO

FROM THE PAGES OF THE JOURNAL REGISTER THIS WEEK IN 1920 ...

Motor Bus Line

Palmer-Spencer Said to be Contemplated by Springfield Promoter
TUROUGH WARREN AND BROOKFIELDS

Towns Now Have No Trolley Service.
20-Passenger Buses to be Run Regularly

The Brookfield correspondent of the Worcester Telegram is authority for the statement that the establishment of a motor bus line between Palmer and Spencer is contemplated by a group of men headed by E. A. Roberts of 26 Phoenix street, Springfield. If the plans work out, a \$50,000 corporation will be formed and the service established around May 1st. Mr. Roberts is said to have already been in consultation with the selectmen of Brookfield, and proposes to take the matter tip with the authorities in Palmer, Warren and West Brookfield.

The plan as outlined calls for the formation of a Massachusetts corporation with a capital stock of \$50000.

A garage will be erected probably at Warren and four motor buses with a carrying capacity of 20 passengers each will be provided. The vehicles will be operated by gasoline motors, will be kept clean at all times, properly lighted, and heated when necessary. Larger buses will be installed if the demand is sufficient.

A regular schedule, with hour and quarter headway, is proposed for the entire year. leaving both termini at 6.30 a.m. and 11.30 p.m. Competent chauffeurs with at least two years’ experience will be employed.

And the ordinary traveled highways will be followed.

In the collection of fares, an overlapping zone system will be followed. In an easterly direction the first zone will be from Palmer through the village of West Warren. The fare is proposed as 25 cents in the first zone and 10 cents for each additional zone, the entire distance comprising of five zones.

The distance from Palmer to Spencer is 25 miles, and there has never been direct communication between the two towns except by train service. With the electric lines which formerly served the Warrens and the Brookfields torn up, the proposed company feels that there should be a good patronage for any means which will permit the inhabitants of these towns and Palmer to get from one to the other conveniently.

Said “Good Morning,” Died
Sudden Decease of Ware Man After Greeting His Employer

Samuel Summer, 65, of Ware, died suddenly Monday morning at the home of Merton D. Olds, where he had gone to work. He stepped inside the door if the Olds home and said, “Good morning, folks,” then collapsed on the floor. Assistant Medical Examiner Dr. W. B. Segur of Enfield viewed the body and gave an opinion that death was due to heart disease. Mr. Summer had been caretaker of a large farm owned by the George G. Wesson estate, in the west part of Ware, for the past 15 years.

He was born in Ware and lived there and in Palmer all his life. He leaves a widow, a sister, Mrs. Mary L. Pierce, of Ware Center, and two brothers, Charles of Greenwich, and Benjamin of Palmer.

Baystate Mary Lane offers services with Cancer Support Groups

WARE - Facing a cancer diagnosis can be a stressful life change and a daunting prospect. During a cancer journey, patients and their families often benefit from the support of others.

“Our support groups are designed to help patients, their families and caregivers cope with the challenges of a cancer diagnosis,” said Camille St.Onge, oncology social worker at the Baystate Regional Cancer Program at Baystate Mary Lane. St. Onge provides counseling for patients and their families through all phases of their cancer care.

Support and self-help groups can vary greatly, but all groups share one thing in common, they are a place where people can share personal stories, express emotions, and be heard in an atmosphere of acceptance, understanding, and encouragement.

“A diagnosis of cancer can bring many types of challenges and can affect each person in a different way,” said St. Onge. “We offer a wide range of support group meetings and our oncology team work closely together to address the medical, emotional, and social needs of all our patients.”

The Baystate Regional Cancer Program at Baystate Mary Lane 2020 Support

group listing includes:

Breast Cancer Support Group - Open to all women with breast cancer regardless of stage of treatment. Meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of every month, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Circle of Angels, A Quilting Support Group for People Who Have Been Touched by Cancer - meets twice monthly on Tuesdays of every month from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Expressive Writing Through Cancer - Open to all cancer diagnoses. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

General Cancer Support Group - Open to all cancer diagnoses. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Partners in Caregiving - an early evening support group for caregivers of people with cancer. Meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of the month 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

All meetings are held at Baystate Mary Lane, 85 South Street in Ware. For more information contact Camille St.Onge, LICSW, Oncology Social Worker at the Baystate Regional Cancer Program at Baystate Mary Lane at 413-967-2245.



Submitted Photo
Camille St.Onge, oncology social worker at the Baystate Regional Cancer Program at Baystate Mary Lane

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lion in total to replace foundations in the 2,000 homes in Massachusetts, Loglisci said.

Another recommendation is to develop standards for quarries so that there’s testing of the ma-

terial if a new quarry opened for business, and to require realtors to disclose if the foundation is known to be contaminated with pyrrhotite. The commission is also recommending that homes in the affected area between 1983 and 2015 get core testing to determine the presence of pyrrhotite.

rhotide.

“It takes so long for this to show up, it took 20 years for ours to really appear,” Loglisci said. “If you build a home in 2010, you’re not going to see this issue yet – and if now, you want to sell it, how is a buyer going to know if they’re safe without a

core test? They can’t.”

When the mineral pyrrhotite starts decomposing, it starts to rust, causing it to expand and crack the concrete from the inside out and can’t be fixed, Loglisci said.

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entertaining to keep the students interested.

This is when his experience as a stand-up comedian and magician came into play; he would occasionally pull a magic trick out of nowhere to liven up the classroom.

“I made sure that the class-

es were well-disciplined and well-maintained, but it was a safe environment where we could have fun and we could laugh,” said Thompson.

He also said that showing his skills as a magician was done to remind his students that there is “magic in the world out there,” and to keep their eyes open to “appreciate everything

that’s out there.”

“We tend to get beat down by the system and the doom and gloom of the world, but there’s a lot of cool stuff if you look for it,” said Thompson.

Now, Thompson said he has different projects and goals he’s working on accomplishing. His projects include writing a biography for the late Magician Don

Viano, titled “Viva Viano.”

He is also planning to write a book from the notebooks he kept of his students’ quotes, as well other funny and interesting events that have happened. Along with these two books, he also is working on getting his hypnosis license.

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patients who have conditions that require an extreme level of care.”

Gallagher said that the symptoms are relatively similar in fever, cough, chills, body aches, shortness of breaths. “It can be very difficult to differentiate between both the flu and the coronavirus, which is why when people come in for evaluation and testing, we generally do testing for influenza first to make sure they don’t have that since that we have circulating in the community,” said Gallagher.

Compared with the coronavirus, the CDC reported there have been 32 million cases, several thousand hospitalizations, and around 18,000 deaths this flu season, according to a press release from Baystate Health Hospitals.

In terms of COVID-19’s mortality rate, Gallagher said that it is somewhere between 1 and 3 percent. “There is a little bit of a difference depending on which site you get the information from as well as whether it’s just in China or whether it’s just worldwide, but it’s the information we have now,” said Gallagher.

According to the press release, in order to avoid the possibility of coming across the virus, it’s recommended that everyone avoid close contact with people who are sick, avoid touching the eyes, nose, and mouth, stay home when sick except to get medical care, cover all coughs and sneezes with a tissue, clean surfaces frequently with water and detergent and wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer that contains at least 60-percent alcohol is recommended.

According to another press release from Baystate, as of Mar. 6, a new visitor policy has been established to protect the health and safety of all Baystate Health Hospital patients. Now, patients can only have one visitor at a time if they are not experiencing symptoms of a fever and/or a cough. At the Children’s Hospital in Springfield, no visitors are allowed under the age of 12.

Available hospitals include Baystate Medical Center and Baystate Children’s Hospital in Springfield, Baystate Wing Hospital in Palmer, Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield, and Baystate Noble Hospital in Westfield. For more information on, visit baystatehospital.org.

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• Cough

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www.cdc.gov/covid19-symptoms

Patricia Gardner said the district is keeping a close watch on the coronavirus.

“We are staying in close contact with the Board of Health, and the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents is keeping school districts updated with information from (the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) and the Governor’s office,” Gardner said.

“Currently, we do not have an in depth-plan. I would think that we would not completely close schools unless Governor Baker or Commissioner Riley mandated it. We already have a pretty robust cleaning/sanitizing schedule, especially in our elementary school, so we were making sure that we closely adhere to our protocol,” she said.

Since at this time, Massachusetts has only one confirmed case of COVID-19, “the risk to our residents remains low,” said

Gardner and school nurse leader Mary Ellen Blanchette in a statement on the schools’ website. At the same time, the risk for the influenza virus remains high, according to the statement.

“Our facilities director is ensuring that both schools are following their regular cleaning and disinfecting programs,” the statement read. “Additional cleaning has been done when an increase in absences due to flu and flu-related illnesses have been noted. Our school nurses are monitoring absences and all student health concerns. We are in close communication with (Massachusetts Department of Public Health) as well as our local pediatric health providers. We are following all recommended guidelines to ensure the safety and wellness of our students and staff.”

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

MONSON MUSTANGS

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Mustangs take down Lee in semifinals

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

AMHERST — Sydnie DeVries, Mia Krupczak, and Olivia Chrzan all reached double figures, which helped the top-seeded Lady Mustangs post a 65-24 victory over the fourth-seeded Lee Lady Wildcats inside the old gym located in the middle of the UMass Amherst campus on March 2.

“Playing in my first basketball game at the Cage was a lot of fun,” said Chrzan, who scored nine of her 13 points in the semifinal victory during the second half. “I was a little bit nervous before the start of the

game, but my teammates helped me a lot. They told me just to relax and play like it’s a normal game.”

DeVries gave Chrzan and the other younger Lady Mustangs players some advice before the semifinal victory.

“We just told them that the first couple of minutes of the game will probably be different than a regular season game because of the atmosphere. You just have to take a couple of shot and be ready to play,” she said. “I think tonight’s game was a great experience for our younger players.”

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Photos by Lisa Thomas-DuFrense
Sydnie DeVries goes for a layup against Lee in the semifinal game last Monday, March 2.



Olivia Chrzan looks to push a pass away from a pair of pressing Lenox players.

Photos by Lisa Thomas-DuFrense

Mustangs back on top

Monson girls basketball won the Western Mass. Championship in dominant fashion over Lenox

By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

AMHERST — After dispatching fourth-seeded Lee in the semifinals without very much trouble, the top-seeded Lady Mustangs captured the Western Mass. title for the second time in the past three years with a 71-52 victory over the third-seeded Lenox Millionaires on March 7.

“All of the girls on the varsity basketball team are just amazing on and off the court,” said Leah Zippin, who celebrated her first championship title as an Athletic Director. “It has been a fabulous season watching them play. We’re

now excited for their next game.”

The Lady Mustangs (21-2) were scheduled to face Central Mass. champion Maynard in the Division 4 state semifinals at Worcester State University on Wednesday night.

A couple of the Monson boys’ teams didn’t have very much success against Lenox High School during the course of the 2019-20 school year.

Last November, the boys soccer team lost 2-0 to the Millionaires in the Western Mass. Division 4 finals held at Berte Field located on the Springfield Central campus.

At the end of February, the Monson boys hoop team lost to Lenox by 10 points in a Division 4 quarterfinal home game.

“We lost to Lenox in boys soccer and boys basketball in the

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Alivia Skowrya eyes the hoop.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Pioneers make early exit in playoffs

By Chris Drosehn
Sports Correspondent

PALMER — The first round of the Division 4 Western Massachusetts tournament for girls varsity basketball got underway for the Pathfinder Pioneers this past week at Franklin County Tech. Unfortunately for the No. 12 Pioneers, their tournament aspirations would end quickly with an exit. The No. 5 Franklin Tech defeated Pathfinder by a score of 47-25 on Feb. 24.

During the first quarter, it seemed that the game would end up being a close contest. Pathfinder came out of the gate and struck first when sophomore Allyson Dube buried a 3-pointer to start the scoring for the night.

“We felt we were ready for this,” said head coach Kevin Aldrich after the game. “On the bus ride up everybody seemed focused with good energy. We come out and Allyson buries two shots right off the get-go, but then we had a rough second quarter.”

The end of the first quarter saw Pathfinder with only a three point

deficit, with the score being 8-5. The second quarter was a different story for Pathfinder. The team start to slip a little on defense and really opened the door for Franklin Tech to take control of the game. Pathfinder managed only nine points in the first half, with five of those being from the first two shots by Dube. Franklin Tech was able to double-up on that score with 18 points of their own.

“For the third quarter, we felt like we had food energy coming out of the locker room. We came out and didn’t answer the bell,” said Aldrich. “They punched us in the mouth in third quarter and we just didn’t get back up.”

The second half saw Franklin Tech score 27 points. They were led by senior Jordan Hurlbert with 12 of those 27 points. Pathfinder managed 16 points in the second half. The team was led by Senior Jocelyn Wells with seven points in the second half and nine points overall.

“The team had a rough night. It’s sad that it’s the end of my basketball career. I enjoyed my time

here and I hope the team continues to have fun playing” said Wells after the game.

The game came to a close and with it, Pathfinder’s season was over with a record of 12-9. Overall, the season was a success and laid the foundation for even more success in the coming years.

“We’ll take 12-9 every year. That’s a pretty successful year,” Aldrich said. “We’ve got four or five really quality young kids coming back next year that were a big part of what we did this year. I’m really proud of the way that the six seniors that we have led us.”

Pathfinder will be graduating six seniors this year, as Aldrich mentioned. The six seniors are Jocelyn Wells, Megan Mitchell, Briana St. Jacques, Amanda Barrett, Emily Latulippe, and Mackayla Weldon.

“Right now it’s tough to feel good about a lot of things because of what happened tonight,” Aldrich said. When you take a step back, I’m really proud of them and the way they fought.”

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Warriors drop quarterfinal to Spartans

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Lydia Boland makes her way down the court for the Warriors.



Madi Varney dribbles her way down the court.



Emmy Cherry gets the layup for Tantasqua.

EAST LONGMEADOW — The Tantasqua Regional High School girls basketball team had a tough finish to their quarterfinal matchup

against East Longmeadow. After losing Erin Jensen to injury, the Warriors lost their halftime lead and fell 56-43. Lydia Boland led Tanta-

squa, the No. 5 seed, with 13 points in the defeat. Ainsley Way had eight points. Tantasqua went 15-5 this season.

T-Birds get much-needed win over Wolf Pack

SPRINGFIELD – The Springfield Thunderbirds (31-27-3-0) outlasted the Hartford Wolf Pack (31-19-6-5) in a spirited Sunday afternoon matinee by a final count of 4-1 inside the MassMutual Center.

At the 6:50 mark of the first, after both teams failed on earlier power play chances, the game devolved into a powder keg when Ryan Haggerty and Darren Raddysh wrestled one another to the ice. Moments later, every other skater on the ice picked a sparring partner in a no-holds-barred brawl. By the time the dust settled, Vinni Lettieri and Mason Geertsens of Hartford were ejected, and Brady Keeper

received a similar punishment for Springfield.

After the lengthy delay to sort out the mess, the T-Birds finally got to the scoreboard first at 12:40 of the first as Joel Lowry located a loose puck outside the blue paint and knocked it past Adam Huska as he was falling. Rodrigo Abols and Chase Priskie picked up the helpers to give Springfield the 1-0 lead, which stood into the intermission.

After he served penalty time from the brawl, Matt Beleskey emerged from the box only to land back in the sin bin for five minutes when he boarded Will Lochead late in the first period.

Despite having all that man-

up time, the T-Birds could not take advantage of the power play, and shortly after killing the duration of the penalty to start the second, Ryan Dmowski got Hartford back even at 3:53 of the middle period off assists from Ty Ronning and Nick Ebert.

On a day when the two teams combined for nine successful penalty kills, the T-Birds finally broke the tie with three final period goals. Priskie scooped up his second point of the night at 6:12 as Daniel Audette found him from the left-wing side after a turnover by Hartford in its own zone.

With the 2-1 lead in tow into the final minutes, Abols added to

the lead at 18:15, as a left-circle shot hit the post, then pinballed in off of Ebert to give Springfield a 3-1 advantage.

Danick Martel, who assisted on the Abols goal, then added one of his own with just 34 seconds remaining, his third goal in two games, to round out the scoring. Philippe Desrosiers was magnificent in the T-Birds net, stopping 34 of 35 to pick up his 16th win.

Springfield and Hartford rematch inside the MassMutual Center on Friday night at 7:05 p.m.

Webb tournament set to take place in March

CHICOPEE — This year marks the 35th year Kevin Vann has enjoyed coaching youth basketball—and for 16 of those years, he has provided young people in Greater Springfield and Northern Connecticut with the chance to play in a competitive tournament.

As the founder of the George Webb Memorial Basketball Tournament, which supports the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, Vann was proud to announce this year to sponsors and participants that the event topped the \$200,000 fundraising mark in 2019.

“Thank you for standing with me over the past 16 years, supporting the kids of the club,” he said. “I have a deep passion for basketball, yet my 35 years of coaching pales in comparison to the 108 years that the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee has been there every day for the now 358 boys and girls of this city. They are children who desperately need encouragement, companionship, challenge and opportunity to help them grow into responsible and respected human beings.”

The largest basketball tour-

nament of its kind, the 15-day event tips off on March 13 at the club, ending on March 28. Each year, the tourney draws hundreds of spectators to watch more than 40 teams of boys and girls play.

Vann founded the George Webb Memorial Basketball Tournament in 2005 to honor his late friend, George Webb, who died of cancer at age 52 in 2004. A basketball player who shot hoops at the club on Tuesday evenings, Webb rarely lost a game, and, Vann said, “When he did, he showed true sportsmanship to whoever he was playing against.”

Vann and his business, The Vann Group of Springfield, a professional services outsourcing company, have sponsored the tournament since its start. And it has been held at the club it supports since the beginning as well.

“The George Webb Basketball Tournament embodies the values of the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee,” Vann said. “It’s an even competition for teams of boys and girls aged 8 to 13 who have varying abilities as ball players.”

For the second year in a row,

Daishany Miller of Chicopee was named the club’s Youth of the Year. To achieve the title of Youth of the Year, a club member must embody the values of leadership and service, academic excellence, and healthy lifestyles. The Youth of the Year serves as a role model for other young people in the club and as a representative to the community.

Drawn to investigate the club in 2014, Miller, 19, soon adopted it as a second home and learned how to thrive as a leader. “It takes strength to fit in and courage to stand out,” Miller said. “The club is there for me and encourages me to take the steps I need to strive to be a better version of myself.”

Vann said the tournament has allowed thousands of young people to experience the safe haven that is the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, play a sport and develop values that will last them a lifetime.

The club has a mission to fill the gap between school and home. According to a national organization called the Afterschool Alliance, every day, 362,312 children in Massachusetts leave

school with nowhere to go with an adult present.

The club offers activities, resources, supportive relationships with peers and adults and programs that can be life-changing, and it served 1,802 young people last year; 358 were members, and the other 1,444 were served through community outreach programs.

The Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee has two locations in town and is staffed by 30 adults and 50 volunteers.

Seventy-one percent of those who are nurtured at the club are 12 and younger; the others are teenagers. Of the total served, 69 percent are in minority ethnic groups and 32 percent are in single-parent households.

For more information about the tournament, visit bgcchicopee.org/george-webb-memorial-basketball-tournament/. For information on sponsorship opportunities, visit georgewebbtournament.com or contact Ruth Griggs at (413) 727-3354 or email her at ruth@rccomms.com.



Madison Bonneau dribbles near the sideline.



Mia Krupczak looks up as she makes her layup.



The Monson girls basketball team celebrates as time expires.

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postseason tournament during the course of the school year,” Zippin said. “It does feel very nice to finally beat them in a postseason game. Winning a championship title is a new experience for me and I’m just enjoying celebrating with the players. All of them are great kids with very bright futures”

The Lady Mustangs defeated Putnam, 53-42, in the 2018 Western Mass. Division 4 finals.

“We’ve only won two Western Mass. titles in school history, but it never gets old. It just feels awesome,” said coach Tim Pascale while holding the championship trophy. “What makes winning this year’s title so special is the kids. They’re just an awesome group to coach.”

The Lady Mustangs head coach also praised the new Athletic Director.

“I have a very good relationship with Leah,” Pascale said. “She always tries her best to help us out with anything that we need. I can’t thank her enough for the support that she had given us this year.”

The Monson three seniors Mia Krupczak, Alivia Skowyr, and Kelsey Duggan, along with junior Sydnie DeVries, were also members of the 2018 girls’ varsity basketball team, which captured the Western Massachusetts Division 4 title for the first time in school history.

“The three seniors and Sydnie are our captains this year,” Pascale said. “One of their goals was to win another Western Mass. title. They helped me lead the team to a victory today.”

The duo of Krupczak, who scored a game-high 20 points, and Duggan (18 points) combined to score 38 points.

The Lady Mustangs other double digit scorer was seventh grader Olivia Chrzan with 16.

“In order for us to win a game, we always need three players to score in double figures,” Pascale said. “It doesn’t matter who those three players are.”

DeVries, who’s normally one of the Lady Mustangs leading scores, was in foul trouble most

of the game and wound up scoring eight points, which tied her season low. DeVries was forced to sit on the bench for the entire second quarter after picking up her second personal foul at the end of the fourth quarter.

“I think it’s a testament to the whole team,” Pascale said. “We had a couple players come in off the bench and held down the fort defensively. When Sydnie does get into foul trouble like she did in tonight’s game, we miss her more at the defensive end of the court than we do offensively”

Those two players are seventh grader Tennessee Murphy and junior Madison Bonneau.

Just like they did in the semifinal game, the Lady Mustangs built a double-digit lead at the end of the first quarter in the championship game.


A 3-pointer from the left side by Duggan and a DeVries made free throw pushed the Lady Mustangs lead to 22-6 in the final seconds of the opening quarter.


Even with DeVries sitting on the bench, the Lady Mustangs lead never got below ten points during the second quarter.


With a little more than two minutes remaining in the half, a set shot by Bonneau (2 points) made the score 34-17.

The Millionaires (16-8) did put-together 10-3 run during the final two minutes of the second quarter c losing the gap to 37-27 at halftime.

The Lady Mustang s outscored the Millionaires, 20-11 during the third quarter and they continued to perform very well at both ends of the court during the fourth quarter.


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Athlete of the Week



Mia Krupczak

Monson High School

The Mustang had the game-high of 20 points for her team as Monson won the Western Mass. Division 4 Championship.

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The Lady Mustangs other first-year varsity players are Kylie Medeiros, sophomore Alana Ellis, sophomore Julia Martinson, eighth grader Emma Murphy, eighth grader Mya Walker seventh grader Tennessee Murphy, seventh grader Molly Szado, and seventh grader Emily Provost. Junior Madison Bonneau was a member of the varsity squad a year ago.

Monson head coach Tim Pascale never had the chance to play a game at the Cage during his high school career, but he has had a couple of memorable moments there.

“This is the Mecca of basketball in Western Massachusetts,” he said. “I remember watching Dr. J. play games for UMass here. It’s pretty cool bringing my team here.”

The semifinal victory improved the Lady Mustangs overall season record to 20-2.

Chrzan watched last year’s semifinal game from the old wooden bleachers and it wasn’t a very memorable experience for the Monson players or their supporters. The top-seeded Lady Mustangs lost to fourth-seeded Mt. Everett.

“It was very tough losing in the semifinals last year, but we’re going back to the finals again this year and it just feels amazing,” DeVries said. “Some high school basketball players never have an opportunity to play even one game at the Cage, but I’ve been here each year that I’ve been playing for the varsity basketball team. It’s always very exciting and it never gets old.”

Chrzan came very close to posting a double-double in this year’s semifinal game. She was credited with eight rebounds.

Devries did accomplish that milestone by scoring a game-high 22 points and pulling down 18 rebounds. She also blocked four shots.

“Sydnie is a very special basketball player and she’s a very special kid,” Pascale said. “Kids like her are the reasons why I coach basketball at Monson High School. I never want to coach anyplace else because we develop great kids on and off the court. This is a very close team and they do a lot of things together.”

The Lady Mustangs other double figure scorers in the game against the Lady Wildcats was Krupczak with 14 points.

Skowyr scored six points and Duggan added five points. She also pulled down seven rebounds. Medeiros scored the final three points of the semifinal contest and Walker made two free throws for her two points.

The Lady Mustangs scored the first twelve points of the semifinal game and held a 16-2 at the end of the first quarter.

“It’s always very important to build a large lead in the first quarter,” DeVries said. “We were able to maintain our large lead throughout the rest of the game.”

The Lady Mustangs outscored Lee, 21-9, during the second quarter and held a very comfortable 37-11 half-time advantage.



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Kelsey Duggan eyes the basket as she looks to take a shot.

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5 reasons why summer camp is a good choice for kids

Summer vacation offers students a respite from lessons and the routine of school. Children might once have eagerly awaited those final days of classes so they could lounge poolside, skip rocks across ponds and spend the long days of the season playing with friends. But many of today’s youngsters spend much of their summer vacations indoors playing with their digital devices.

Perhaps that’s why one of the last vestiges of the classic summer vacation escape — summer camp — remains such a viable option for parents who want their children to get outdoors once the school year ends.

Although kids needn’t be in camp all summer long, a week or two can benefit campers of all ages. The follow-

ing are five reasons why summer camp might be the right fit this year.

1. Explore talents. Summer camps help young people explore their unique interests and talents. Under an organized, yet often easygoing, camp schedule, kids can dabble in sports, arts and crafts, leadership, community support, and so many other activities that may not be fully available to them elsewhere.

2. Physical activity: Lots of camps build their itineraries around physical activities that takes place outdoors. Campers may spend their time swimming, running, hiking, playing sports, climbing, and so much more. This can be a welcome change for kids accustomed to living sedentary lifestyles.

Regular physical activity has many health benefits and can set a foundation for healthy habits as an adult.

3. Gain confidence. Day and sleepaway camps offer campers the opportunity to get comfortable in their own skin. Camps can foster activities in self-esteem by removing the academic measures of success and fill in with noncompetitive opportunities to succeed. Campers learn independence, decision-making skills and the ability to thrive outside of the shadow of their parents, siblings or other students.

4. Try new things. Camp gives children the chance to try new things, whether that’s learning to cook, exploring new environments or embracing a new sport or leisure activity. Opening oneself up to new opportunities can build character and prove enlighten-

ing for children.

5. Make new friends. Camp is a great place to meet new people and make lifelong friends. Campers flood in from areas near and far. This provides kids with a chance to expand their social circles beyond their immediate neighborhoods and schools.

Camps benefit children in a variety of ways. Lessons learned in camp can strengthen values, build confidence, develop coping mechanisms when adversity strikes, and enable campers to make lifelong friends.



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NOW

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The Quaboag Valley Quilters Guild is looking for new members. The Guild meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the basement of the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E “Best In Show” winners. The membership fee is \$48 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beau-lieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow us on Facebook.

CHURCH CABOOSE THRIFT SHOP at Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer has bargains on clothing, household items, linens, books, crafts and more. Come and see Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 283-6958 for more information.

THE MONSON LIONS CLUB has a 20-foot x 20-foot tent for rent. The cost is \$75 for a two-day event. The club will put it up and take it down. For more details, contact Curt at 413-668-6653.

DAY SPRING LODGE A.F. & A.M. located 14 Bliss St., Monson is making its hall available for rent for \$75 for a variety of parties and functions. For reservations,, call Doug Battige at 413-267-5855 or 413-265-9398.

RESERVE YOUR CELEBRATION TENT now for your First Communion, bridal and baby showers, graduation parties, family reunions, birthday parties or any other kind of celebration you may have outdoors. The Palmer Lions Club has a tent for you, either 20-feet x 20-feet for \$125 or 20-feet x 40-feet for \$200. This includes setup and takedown in the Palmer area. Call Karen at 413-813-8445 to make a reservation. You may need to leave a message and your call will be returned. The Palmer Lions Club tent rental fees go towards assistance for the people of Palmer, Bonds-ville, Three Rivers and Thorndike.

MONSON WOODWACKERS wood carving club will meet every Thursday at Monson Senior Center on Main Street in Monson from 6-8 p.m. The club meets throughout the year. Membership is \$10 for the year, payable in September. Anyone interested should call Barbara Mackintosh at 413-237-8303. There are many beginner projects and experienced teachers, as well, within the club.

STAINED GLASS MAKING CLASS will be held on Thursdays at the Holland Community Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Glass and tools are supplied. Take six classes for \$48. Class sizes are limited and are open to all ages. For more information call Tom Baltazar at 508-245-2525.

PALMER SALVATION ARMY Service Extension Unit offers residents in Palmer and Brimfield emergency assistance on a periodic basis. The outreach coordinator will be located on the second floor of St. Paul’s Unitarian Universalist Church at 1060 Central St., Palmer. You must schedule an appointment by calling 413-221-8283 so you know what documentation to bring since those seeking assistance have to meet certain criteria and show proof of need. Please leave your name, number and the date you called. Phone messages are checked weekly, not daily.

BOOKSTORE at the Unitarian Universalist Parish of Monson at the corner of Lincoln and Main streets in Monson is open the first Friday of every month from 5:30-7:30

p.m., the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Books priced from 25 cents to \$1 each: fiction, nonfiction, thrillers, horror, mystery, science fiction, how-to, classic literature, children’s books, romances, cookbooks, gardening books and more. All proceeds benefit the parish. Donations are accepted. Call Mary at 267-0033 for more information.

MARTHA’S TABLE STAFF at the Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church is supporting the Monson Open Pantry by providing a meal once a month to anyone who will bring a non-perishable food item. Staff have begun packing and delivering the meals in cooperation with the Monson Senior Center. The meal is served at the church, 162 Main St., Monson on the third Saturday of each month from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information call 267-3798.

SENIOR LUNCHEON. The Monson Council on Aging invites seniors over age 60 to its luncheon program every Monday – Friday at the Monson Senior Center, 106 Main St., Monson. Home cooked meals are always served at noon. The requested donation of \$2.50 includes the entrée, bread, dessert and beverage. Menus are available in the COA newsletter. Luncheon reservations must be made by 2:30 p.m. the day before you would like to come to lunch. For more info or van reservations, call 267-4121.

GAME NIGHT will be held at Top Floor Learning at the Palmer Public Library the second Tuesday of each month: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10 (2019) and Jan. 14, Feb. 11 and March 10 (2020) from 6-7:45 p.m. There is no fee or registration required, and attendants must be 16 years of age or older unless accompanied by an adult. Games include Scrabble, Cribbage, Monopoly, Rummy, Chess, Checkers, Uno, Yahtzee, Bridge, Skipbo, Crazy 8’s, Hearts, Dominos, etc. Attendees may bring their own. For more information call 283-2329 or email palewis19@yahoo.com.

MAKE A DONATION to the Monson Free Library in honor of a special person or family member, in the form of a book, DVD or CD, audio book or magazine subscription. The person will receive a letter informing them of your gift. The cost of donations is \$25 for a book, \$20 for a CD or DVD, \$100 for an audio book and \$20 for a magazine subscription. For more information call 267-3866.

EVENTS

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Patrick Duffy, of the Elbow Plantation Historical Society, will give a free talk at the Palmer Public Library on March 12, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the community room about the Falls of Wallamanumps. He will talk about the natural bridge and red sandstone, which once spanned the Chicopee River between Ludlow and Indian Orchard. The Native Americans called the area Wallamanumps Falls. Family memberships to the Elbow Plantation Historical Society are \$10 a year and items of local historic significance are accepted at the society’s monthly meeting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

CHICKEN BARBECUE The Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church, 162 Main St., in Monson, will hold its 10th annual Here

Comes Spring chicken barbecue on Saturday, March 14, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The menu will include barbecued chicken, baked potato and brownie sundae.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DIN-NER will be sponsored by the Sons of AM-VETS Squadron 74, 2015 Main St., Three Rivers on Sunday, March 15, noon to 4 p.m. There will be live Irish music by the band Mal-larky from 1 to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the post.

FREE MOVIE “The Shoes of the Fisher-man” starring Anthony Quinn will be shown on Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m. at St. Patrick’s Church Columbia Hall on Green Street in Monson. Admission and refreshments are free.

MONDAY, MARCH 16

2020 FLY FISHING EXPO, hosted by Western Mass. Fly Fishermen Club, will take place Monday, March 16, at Ludlow Elks Club, 69 Chapin St., in Ludlow, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Speaker Dan Trela will give a presentation on “Fishing the San Juan River” and other Western Fly Fishing Experiences at 7:30 p.m. Exhibitors include expert fishing guides, fly fishing equipment makers and dealers, Mass State and Wildlife experts, other related exhibitors, and WMFF member demonstrating fly tying to answer any of your questions. Hundreds of fishing items will be raffled off including a complete fly tying kit, bucket raffles for custom tied flies, and a custom fly rod. Door prize of a complete fly fishing combo and 30 hand tied flies. Refreshments and food will be for sale.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

FRIENDS OF THE MONSON FREE LI-BRARY bake sale will be held March 17 from 10:30 a.m. until sold out. Members of the Friends bake many goodies featuring scones, pies, cookies, cakes and special Irish treats. Proceeds from the sale will benefit programs at the library including story hours, museum passes and a multitude of activities. Come, indulge a sweet tooth and support the Friends.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

The First Church of Monson will be hosting a St. Patrick’s Day drinks and dinner event at The Main Street Tavern, 218 Main Street, Monson, Massachusetts, on Thursday, March 19th, from 3:00 P.M. until closing. You may order whatever you want from the Tavern’s menu of homemade dinners and pizzas. Ten per cent of all dinner and drink bills will go to support the ministry of the First Church of Monson. So bring your family and friends for an evening of fun, food, and drink. For further information call (413) 267-3312 or (413) 537-6524.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

ANNUAL CORNED BEEF SUPPER

of The Palmer Knights of Columbus will be held on Saturday, March 21, at 6 p.m., at St. Thomas Hall on Thorndike Street . Along with a corned beef dinner, there will be entertainment and raffles. A \$10 donation is requested. For more information please call Norm at 413-283-7527.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

SUPPORT WALES OLDE HOME DAY by attending a meat raffle on Sunday, March 22, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Lake George Tavern, 2 Main St., in Wales. There will be a variety of meats including chicken, pork, beef and seafood. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. All ticket holders must be present to win the meat raffles. All proceeds to benefit Wales Olde Home Day, which will be held on Aug. 1. Anyone with questions may email wale-soldhomeday@aol.com.

MONDAY, MARCH 30 – WEDNESDAY APRIL 1

PARISH MISSION/RETREAT “Into the Depths of God’s Compassion” will be presented by Virginia Blass, D.M. The topic on Monday’s March 30 gathering is “Deepening in Compassion” at St. Patrick’s Church, Monson, at 7 p.m. Tuesday’s March 31 gathering will be “Deepening in Mercy” at St. Christopher’s Church, Brimfield at 7 p.m. Wednesday’s April 1 gathering is “Deepening in Mission,” at St. Patrick’s Church, Monson at 7 p.m. Talks will last about one hour. Blass is an experienced and certified spiritual director, preacher, author and retreat minister. She has been engaged in ministry for over 25years, and offers spiritual direction, guided retreats, parish missions, parish programs and consultation. She was also a special education teacher for many years.Free will offering only. All are welcome. For more information call Barbara at 413-267-3622.

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CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP Please join us at 6 p.m. every first Thursday of the month at Palmer Healthcare Center, 250 Shearer St. Palmer. Light refreshments will be served Contact Kate Martin at 413-283-8361 for more information.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES at the Brimfield Senior Center, located in the First Congregational Church, 20 Main St., Brimfield include strength training classes on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m.; Tai Chi on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-10 a.m.; gentle arthritis and chair yoga combo classes on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.; bingo on the second and fourth Wednesday of the monthly (\$1 per card, 25 cents per game, cover-all price \$10); There is a suggested donation of \$2 for 55 and up and \$3 for under 55. Lunch is served on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with reservations required by 11 a.m. on the pre-

vious day. There is a \$2 suggested donation. Planning, crocheting and knitting is offered the first Friday of each month and massage with Vicki is offered the third Tuesday of the month from 9:15-11:15 a.m., by appointment only. The cost is \$5 for 10 minutes and \$15 for 20 minutes. For more information call 413-245-7253.

KEEP HOMESTEAD MUSEUM is closed for winter and will re-open on April 5, 2020 at 35 Ely Rd., Monson. Nature trails are open daily for hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. New trail maps can be found in the parking lot. The Phillips Sculpture Garden is open year-round (handouts in box on one of the sign posts) For more information call 413-267-4137, email khm@keephomesteadmuseum.org or visit www.keephomesteadmuseum.org

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MONSON DEMOCRATS WANTED by the Monson Democratic Town Committee that holds meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Polish American Citizens Club, 7 Bliss St., Monson at 7 p.m.

HAVE YOU HAD A BABY RECENTLY? If you are living in the Palmer, Monson or surrounding communities and you have a newborn baby, call the Palmer Monson Family Network at 283-6246 to get your free canvas bag packing with information for you and practical goodies for your baby. The Family Network, a Collaborative for Educational Services program, is funded by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care.

PLAY & LEARN DROP-IN TIME is happening throughout the school year at the Palmer Monson Family Network on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10-11:30am. The free playgroup includes free play time, snack and circle time and is open to all families and caregivers and their children from 0-5 years old. All PMFN programs are free. The PMFN is located at 4 Springfield St. in Three Rivers and is a program of the Collaborative of Educational Services and receives funding from the Mass. Department of Early Education and Care. For more information call 283-6246.

INFANT AND TODDLER TIME at the Palmer Monson Family Network is available for families with little ones from 0-24 months of age. The free program happens throughout the school year on Wednesdays from 9-10:30 a.m. and provides a fun environment for families and caregivers to connect with others with young children. Snack and circle time are included. Call 283-6246 for more information.

HOLLAND COMMUNITY CENTER, 40 Brimfield Holland, has announced the following recurring events: Stay Fit classes with Sharon on Mondays at 9:30 a.m., Dance Fit with Alice on Tuesdays at 6 p.m., Low Impact Workout with Debbie Sichel on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Yoga with Sharon on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. and Tai Chi with David Masera every other Thursday at 10 a.m. For more information call 413-245-3163.

Public Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD20P0334EA Estate of: Gloria M. Beauregard Date of Death: 12/27/2019 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Alan M. Beauregard** of Three Rivers, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Alan M. Beauregard of Three Rivers, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond. The estate is being

administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute

formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 3/12/2020

Legal Notice The Monson School Committee will hold a Public Hearing to discuss the **proposed 2020-2021 School Department budget**, as required by law, on **Wednesday, March 25,**

2020 at 6:45 p.m. This meeting will be held in the School Committee Room at Quarry Hill Community School, 43 Margaret Street, Monson. 3/12, 3/19/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD20A0012AD In the matter of:

Kyle Anthony Nelson CITATION G.L.c. 210, § 6 To: Kristopher Leonard Nelson any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth. A petition has been presented to said court by: **Rachel Wiesner o/w Rachel Marie Wiesner** of Palmer, MA requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed

to **Kyle Anthony Wiesner** **If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.** An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3:10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran’s benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: Springfield ON OR BEFORE TEN O’CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: 04/15/2020 **WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland,** First Justice of this Court. Date: March 2, 2020 **Suzanne T. Seguin** Register of Probate 3/12, 3/19, 3/26/2020

TOWN OF PALMER TOWN COUNCIL NOTICE OF PASSAGE On March 9, 2020, the Palmer Town Council passed Ordinance 2020-02, Licenses and Permits, Article 1, Disposition of Taxes. \$106-1. List if Parties Failing to Pay Taxes. A complete text of this Ordinance is available at the office of Town Manager and Town Clerk, 4417 Main Palmer (Thorndike), MA 01069. **Town Council of Palmer, MA** 3/12/2020

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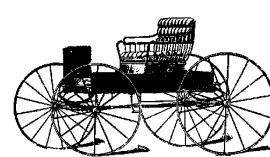
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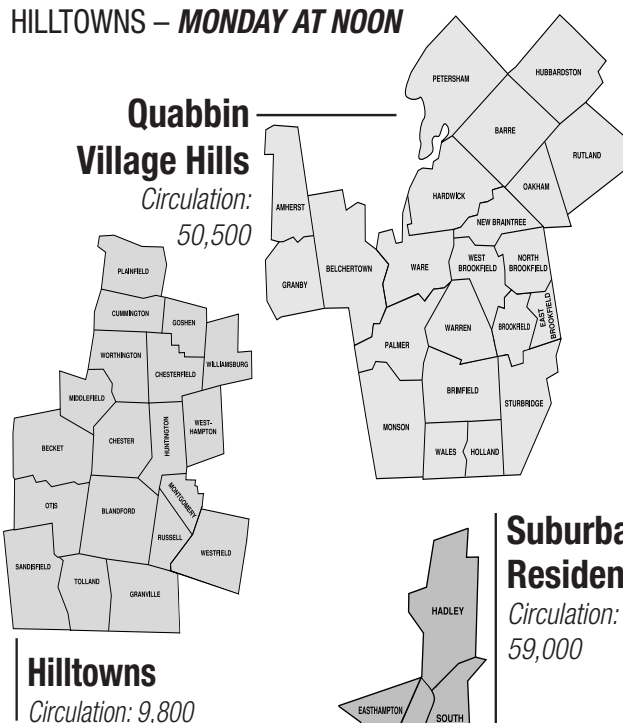
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Joseph L. Begin and Patricia E. Begin** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC, said mortgage dated July 24, 2006, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, in Book 16145 at Page 564 and now held by U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, by virtue of an assignment from J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC Trust, Series 2016-CTT, dated August 7, 2018 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22313, Page 346, previously assigned by U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, to J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. dated August 16, 2017 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 22036, Page 80, previously assigned by HSBC Mortgage Services Inc. to U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, by virtue of assignment dated February 9, 2015 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 20598, Page 537, previously assigned by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC, to HSBC Mortgage Services Inc. by virtue of assignment dated March 20, 2013 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 19737, Page 15, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, will be sold at Public Auction on **March 27, 2020 at 12:00 PM** Local Time upon the premises, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD16P0456A Estate of: Christopher James Olsen Also known as: Christopher J. Olsen Date of Death: 02/02/2016 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION To all interested persons: A Petition for S/A

- Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by **Tonya L Olsen** of Holland, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Tonya L Olsen** of Holland, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **03/26/2020**.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: February 27, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin Register of Probate 3/12/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 Docket No. HD15P1669PM In the matter of: Timothy J Patenaude Of: Monson, MA Protected Person/ Disabled Person CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, you are hereby notified pursuant to Rule 72 of the Supplemental Rules of the Probate & Family Court, that

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James Patenaude of Monson, MA as Conservator of the property of said Respondent has or have been presented to the Court for allowance.

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Witness, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 03, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin Register of Probate 3/12/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD20P0465EA Estate of: Frederick W. Shaw Also Known As: Frederick Walter Shaw Sr. Date of Death: 02/06/2020 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Amy McClosky of Monson MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.**

to informal probate.

Amy McClosky of Monson MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner. 3/12/2020

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and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act: 50 U.S.C.c. 50 §3901 (et seq):

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-EMX4,

claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in **Monson**, numbered **84 Bethany Road**, given by **Thomas K. Tighe** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Mortgage Lenders Network USA, Inc., its successors and assigns, dated **September 23, 2005**, and recorded in **Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 15373, Page 409**, as affected by a **Loan Modification** dated **July 10, 2017**, and recorded in **Said Registry of Deeds in Book 21772, Page 247**, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at **Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108** on or before **April 13, 2020** or you may lose the opportunity to challenge the foreclosure on the ground of non-compliance with the Act.

Witness, **GORDON H. PIPER** Chief Justice of this Court on March 9, 2020

Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson Recorder
(19-007818 Orlans)
3/12/2020

MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by **Jason R. Voyik and Kaitlyn M. Voyik** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC, a limited liability company, its successors and assigns, dated April 14, 2011 and recorded with the Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 18737, Page 373 as affected by a Loan Modification recorded on March 17, 2016 in Said Registry of Deeds at Book 21099, Page 474, subsequently assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. by Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Prospect Mortgage, LLC, a limited liability company, its successors and assigns by assignment recorded in said Hampden County Registry of Deeds at Book 20530, Page 476 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at **9:00 AM on March 26, 2020** at 1 Lakeshore Drive, Monson, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land, with buildings thereon located on the westernly side of Silver Street, Monson, Hampden County, being shown and designated as Lot 1 on a plan by Sherman & Woods dated September 5, 2001 entitled "Plan of Land in Monson, Prepared for Lemon & Lemon Land Development" recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 322 Page 50, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: **NORTHERLY** by

Lot 2 as shown on said plan, 372.22 feet; **EASTERLY** by Silver Street as shown on said plan, 201.00 feet; **SOUTHERLY** by Lake Shore Drive as shown on said plan, 154.54 feet; And **WESTERLY** by land now or formerly of Paul M. Brodeur et ux, 378.94 feet. Containing 1.377 acres and being a portion of the premises described in deed dated July 17,2001 recorded in Book 11802 Page 305 and in Book 11802 Page 308. Being the same premises conveyed to the Mortgagors herein by Deed of David P. Paradis, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, simultaneously herewith.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

TERMS OF SALE:
A deposit of **FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS (\$5,000.00)** in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. **TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Present Holder of said Mortgage,
By Its Attorneys,
ORLANDS PC
PO Box 540540
Waltham, MA 02454
Phone: (781) 790-7800
17-002171
3/05, 3/12, 3/19/2020

LEGAL NOTICE
In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L. s11,

the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing **Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:05 P.M.** in the public meeting room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street, on the application of Vertex Tower Assets, LLC for a Variance from the requirements of Section 6.14.2.9 Wireless Communications Facilities Regulations of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant seeks relief from the setback requirements of 500 feet from lot lines in residential districts for the proposed 100' monopole style wireless communications tower. The proposed location is 94 Cote Rd, Monson, MA, Map 052, Parcel 028, owned by Ronald P. Ouimet & Amy S. Ouimet, in the Rural Residential district.

A copy of the application is on file with the Zoning Board of Appeals and available for viewing during regular office hours.

David Beaudoin, Chairman
3/05, 3/12/2020

LEGAL NOTICE
In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L. s11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing **Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7:20 P.M.** in the public meeting room, Town Office Building, 110 Main Street, on the application of Northern Construction for a Special Permit requesting an extension of an existing non-conforming use. The applicant intends to use the parcel for open storage of construction materials and equipment. The location is 368 Stafford Rd, Monson, Map 84, Parcel 2, Map 85, Parcels 2 & 7, Map 106, Parcel 10 in the Residential Rural district, owned by Peter Lloyd. A copy of the application is on file with the Zoning Board of Appeals and available for viewing during regular office hours.

David Beaudoin, Chairman
3/05, 3/12/2020

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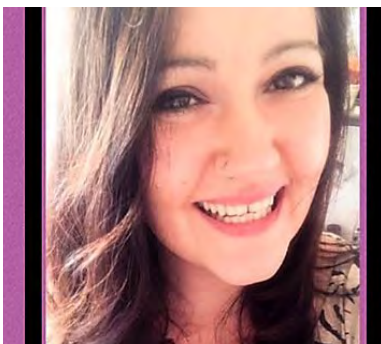
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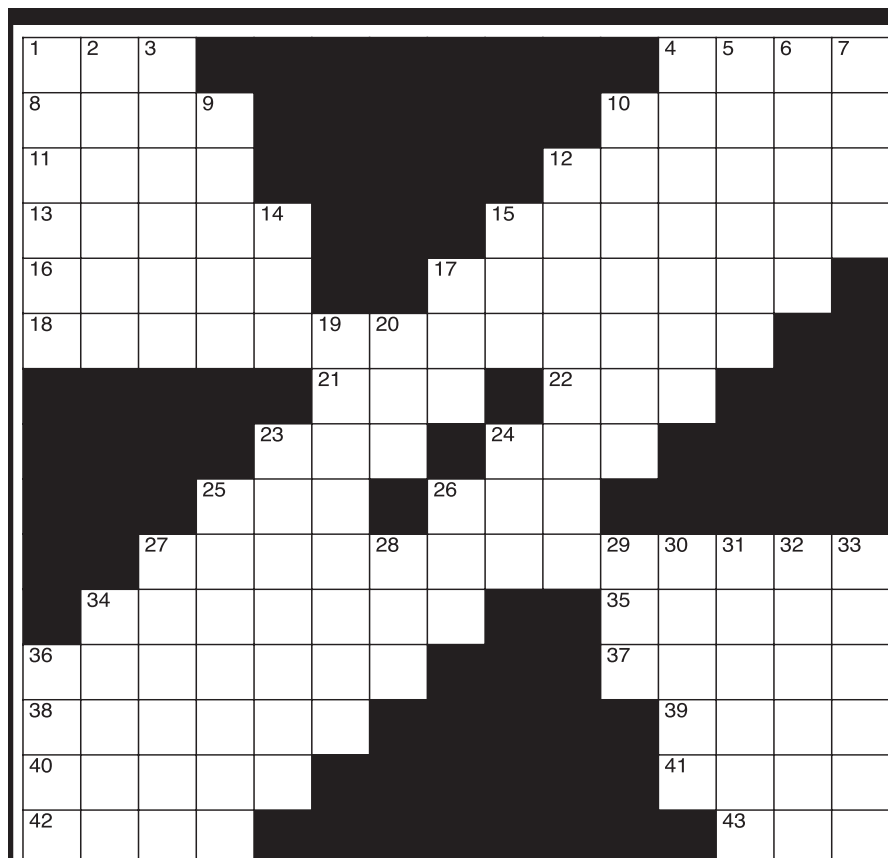
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4. Designer Jacobs
8. Hip joint
10. A dialect of English
11. Portrays
12. Panic
13. The head of a team
15. High priest
16. League of Legends locale
17. Protective folds
18. Treats allergies
21. Voodoo spirits
22. Single unit
23. Unit of measurement
24. Brew
25. Burundian franc

CLUES DOWN

1. Warm climate tree or shrub
26. Self
27. Bengals great
34. Making letters overlap
35. Piece of pizza
36. Illegal drug
37. Card game
38. The highest point in the development
39. Oh, God!
40. Wives (law)
41. Monetary unit of Samoa
42. Supplements with difficulty
43. Valentine's Day color

2. Silky case spun by larvae
3. Still in existence
4. Light, two-stranded rope
5. Wear away
6. Beginnings
7. Essence
9. American Standard Code for Information Interchange
10. Path
12. Repeated tones
14. Expresses surprise
15. Monetary unit of Burma
17. When you hope to get there
19. Brighten
20. Fifth note of a

23. Dark brown timbers of tropical trees
24. We all do it
25. Scrounges
26. Unit of energy
27. Begin to be
28. Midway between northeast and east
29. Distinctive practice
30. Succulent plants
31. Performer
32. Gas station term
33. Required
34. Soviet monetary unit
36. Eating house